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CNMI hunkers down for Vongfong

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Private establishments and houses boarded up windows and garage doors and closed typhoon shutters, emergency shelters were activated, and government operations and public school classes were suspended as the CNMI braces for Typhoon Vongfong, which is intensifying and will be passing south of the CNMI early this morning, Monday.

The public hospital directed all women who are in the third trimester of their pregnancies (six months and further) to report to the Commonwealth Health Center in the event of sudden drops in barometric pressure.

"This is a storm all of us should keep aware of and not take lightly. I am urging all of you to please take all appropriate measures to protect life and property until the storm makes its departure from our area," said Ivan A.

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House OKs Sea Touch land lease

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The House of Representatives passed Friday a proposed submerged lands lease agreement between the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and Sea Touch Saipan LLC for a \$1.125-million shark and stingray marine park project.

On a vote of 16-3 in favor of approving the deal, House Bill 18-198, House Substitute 1, authored by Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) now heads to the Senate.

Baldyga Group special projects director Troy Williams attended Friday's marathon session and said he's

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Bennett pockets Club 200's \$15K grand prize

» American Red Cross sells 1.3K tickets

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Lillian Bennett held Saturday night the winning ticket to the \$15,000 grand prize of the 26th annual American Red Cross Club 200, hosted at the beachside of Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.

"When I heard my name my heart started to pump really fast. For me, this is a miracle and I thank God for it," she said.

Her ticket, 0114, was one of two that Bennett purchased just a week before the event from Red Cross board member Nola Hix. Bennett said she plans to use the money to help her three children in the mainland and pay bills.

"I have never won anything in my life. This just goes to show that it does not matter who you are or who you support. As long as your heart is there and you are participating to make a difference, good things will

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THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

American Red Cross board members and other officials flank grand prize winner Lillian Bennett and her husband Ambrose during Saturday night's Club 200 at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.

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Truck flips on its side at Chalan Kiya intersection

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A cement mixer truck lost control and flipped on its side as it maneuvered the curve at the Chalan Kiya intersection near Payless Shoe Store Friday noon.

Responding police officers rescued the driver, who was trapped in the wrecked truck. The driver, identified as Romy Palisoc, sustained injuries and was brought to the hospital.

The Department of Public Safety has yet to release details of the accident to the media.

Saipan Tribune learned that the cement mixer truck—with license plate HE-3083—was travelling along Middle Road or Chalan Pale Arnold on its way to CMS Quarry in Kannat Tabla.

As Palisoc maneuvered the truck to the left at the intersection of Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road, he lost control and the cement mixer flipped on its right side.

The truck then slammed into the railings on the side of the road. The truck's cement mixer drum struck the railings and the traffic light post.

A heavy equipment operator said that Palisoc, his co-worker, could not get out

from the truck as his feet were pinned in the wreckage.

The co-worker said Palisoc was able to call their office's base for assistance.

He said responding police officers and medics pulled out Palisoc and brought him to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Fortunately for Palisoc, the co-worker said, the cement mixer is a left-handed drive and that it's the right portion of the truck that was extensively damaged when it flipped on its side and slammed into the railings and traffic post.

A billboard for three GOP candidates that was among the billboards erected near the side of the railings was blown out due to the strong impact. The railings were also dented.

Palisoc was reportedly on his way to CMS Quarry in Kannat Tabla when the accident happened. The truck's drum had no cement at that time.

The mixer was pulled out from the scene a couple of hours later. The accident caused traffic in Chalan Kiya and San Jose areas.

There was no word yet from DPS as to what caused the cement mixer to flip. Police placed the incident under investigation.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Police officer Juan Mendiola inspects the cement mixer truck that flipped on its side at the Chalan Kiya traffic intersection on Friday at noon. The driver was injured and taken to the hospital. The accident caused traffic in the areas.

CHC decertification could cost millions of dollars

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If decertified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Commonwealth Health Center stands to lose millions of dollars it acutely needs to run the islands' sole public hospital, according to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña.

CMS recently decertified the only public hospital in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medicare Center. If you think CMS won't decertify a lone hospital, JFL is just one example.

"If the hospital gets decertified, CMS will no longer be a funding source for the hospital and we will not get reimbursed for providing services to clients," Muña told *Saipan Tribune*.

It doesn't mean, though, that the hospital would have to close but CHC would have to rely solely on local government funding.

CMS isn't just a funding source. Muña said it also acts as a regulatory agency, ensuring that standards of care are met. CHC must comply with CMS conditions in ensuring that quality care is provided to clients.

"Since CHC was threatened with termination, we made a commitment to raise the bar and do our very best to meet those standards. It is definitely not easy when funding—other than funding from CMS—is an issue," she said.

CMS reimburses CHC for providing services to their clients and don't reimburse for self-pay and for those that can't afford to pay.

"Yet we are in a business that must still treat the patients even if they are unable to pay. So if CHC gets decertified, it would even be more difficult to meet those standards and there is a

high risk that the quality of care will go down. It would certainly be unfair to our island community since they deserve better," Muña said.

A three-person survey team visited on Sept. 8 after CHCC received approval of its corrective action plans in late August. They looked at medical records, medical staff files, and several areas of the hospital that included the pharmacy, laboratory, and operating room. The team left on Sept. 12.

Muña said they are committed to addressing all the problems and meeting the standards of care set by CMS.

"[Based on] the verbal comments received by our staff

during the latest survey, we know they see the tremendous progress we've made so far and that is definitely encouraging," Muña said.

She noted that the hospital management and staff are much better off than back in 2011 when the survey showed numerous problems that threatened patient care.

Muña assured that they are not in a similar situation as JFL in the U.S. Virgin Islands because CHC is determined not to let it.

"When CMS tells us what we are doing wrong, leadership has a responsibility to make sure to correct that and ensure it doesn't happen again," she said.

Two major improvements so far at CHC are effective quality and performance improvement and an effective infection control program.

CHC is still awaiting the CMS decision on its recertification.

"I want to assure the CNMI community that we will do our very best to avoid getting decertified. This is our only hospital and we need to support it. We should support it. Even if we're not your primary provider, we are the only emergency room and inpatient provider in the CNMI. We all need CHC to be the best it can be because we deserve the best," Muña said.

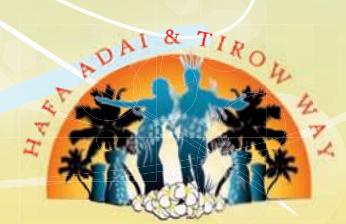
Marianas have received 143,842 visitors from China, about 35 percent of total visitor arrivals. Through its representative offices in Beijing and Shanghai, the Marianas Visitors Authority continues to participate in travel trade shows that help promote Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.



The MVA distributed flyers and introduced tourism resources. One-on-one meetings were held with 20 professional buyers.

The MVA also participated in the Guangzhou Wedding Expo held on Aug. 30-31, where the NMI was promoted as a wedding and honeymoon destination.

China Guilin International Tourism Expo was held on Aug. 29-31 at Guilin International Conference & Exhibition Center with over 50 countries participating and 600 professionals attending. Over the 3-day expo, 4,000 trade representatives and 120,000 members of the public attended.





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Islandwide power outage, limited water supply seen

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Typhoon Vongfong, which is projected to hit early this morning, is expected to cause islandwide power outages and limited water service, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

CUC acting Water and Waste-water Division manager Richard Wasser said there will be limited water service beginning eight hours prior to the expected landfall of a typhoon or tropical storm condition.

"Some of our wells and booster pump stations will be

shut down to protect the motors and controls from damage due to power outages and power imbalances. Affected areas may be islandwide," he said.

Wasser advises the community to keep stored water on hand for drinking, flushing toilets, and other emergency needs.

"CUC will be restoring service immediately after typhoon conditions have passed and it is safe to access the facility sites," he said.

CUC Power Division manager Gary Camacho said that Typhoon Vongfong may also cause power interruptions,

which could also affect the water supply.

For any assistance, the CUC call center is a 24-hour operation and will be open throughout the storm to answer all calls from three islands, Camacho said.

"They will then forward [the calls] to the field personnel for response," he said.

Camacho said that CUC should also be immediately

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Tebuteb demands Pete A's resignation

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Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) is calling for Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio's resignation for his office's failure to remit Managaha landing fees to the Marianas Public Land Trust.

In an Oct. 3, 2014, letter to Tenorio, copies of which were furnished to the media, Tebuteb said DPL may have been unknowingly violating the CNMI Constitution by not remitting Managaha landing fees.

"I am writing to direct your attention to DPL's possible violation of 1) Article XI section 5 of the CNMI Constitution by failing to remit to MPLT any of the funds collected pursuant to DPL regulation as well as 2) DPL's violation of binding and effective CNMI law, to wit SLL 18-9, which calls for the payment of valid judgments within the Third Senatorial District."

Saipan Local Law 18-19 appropriates \$800,000 in land compensation payments to land owners whose properties were taken by the government for public use.

Tebuteb doesn't dispute that MPLT should receive any funds that are generated from public lands.

"Assuming *arguendo* (for the sake of argument) that Managaha Island landing and user fees should be collected pursuant to DPL regulation, then you must

USCIS advises parole seekers to submit only one request

» **IRs of US citizens and stateless persons should only submit one parole request**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services would like to remind Immediate Relatives of U.S. citizens and stateless individuals who are submitting parole requests to only submit one request. Several people have submitted multiple requests for extension.

USCIS is currently holding requests for parole and parole extension for these categories,

informed after the storm if there is any downed wire or for anything that is in contact with the wire.

"CUC's operations team apologizes for the inconvenience resulting from water service and power interruptions,"

said CUC executive director Alan Fletcher.

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Blanco, acting special assistant for communications and protocol, yesterday.

National Weather Service meteorologist Landon Aydett told *Saipan Tribune* last night that Typhoon Vongfong's closest approach to the CNMI would be at 2am Monday at 18 miles north of Rota, 40 miles south of Tinian, and 60 miles south of Saipan.

As of 9pm yesterday, Vongfong's center was 125 miles east-southeast of Rota, 135 miles southeast of Saipan and Tinian, and 160 miles east of Guam.

The U.S. National Weather Service in Guam said that Vongfong was moving west-north-

west at 21 mph. It is packing maximum sustained winds of 105 miles per hour (168 kilometers per hour).

Typhoon force winds extend upward up to 35 miles from the center and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 130 miles from the center.

As of 6pm yesterday, Saipan, Tinian and Rota were under Typhoon Condition 1.

Blanco said residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota should expect strong winds, heavy rains, and possible flooding for all low-lying areas.

Blanco said that government operations, with the exception of critical personnel, are suspended pending an issuance of an all-clear declaration.

He said all classes for the Public School System and Northern Marianas College are suspended today, Monday.

SIDE BAR**CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENTS****NMC closed today**

Because of the anticipated threat of Typhoon Vongfong, the Northern Marianas College will be closed and all classes will be canceled today, Oct. 6, 2014.

Please take necessary precautionary measures and prepare for strong winds, heavy rain showers, and possible flooding.

NMC will continue to monitor the weather through emergency management agencies; as often as possible, new announcements will be made through the following:

- NMC email (employee or student email)
- NMC website at www.marianas.edu
- NMC Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/nmc.proa
- NMC Twitter @GoProa
- Radio stations and other

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happen," she added.

This was the first time for Bennett and her husband, Ambrose, to attend the Club 200 event.

"This year I was able to afford to come to the event and just decided to take my husband out with me," she said. "My kids, when they were here, were volunteers of Red Cross."

Like Bennett, over a thousand other guests attended the event with hopes of hearing their ticket number announced by the emcee.

Hix told *Saipan Tribune* that the fundraiser enables the Red Cross chapter on Saipan to be first responders "when Mother Nature calls. ... This fundraiser every year also allows us to give those resources to our over 50 volunteers that work around the clock every day."

CNMI Red Cross executive director John Hirsh said the Hawaiian luau-themed event sold 1,300 tickets and was larger than last year's fundraiser.

Of the funds raised at the

Shelters

Emergency shelters for families who need to seek safer areas were opened yesterday at 2pm.

For Saipan, the shelters are Tanapag School, Garapan Elementary School, Kagman High School, Chacha Oceanview Middle School, Dandan Middle School, and Koblerville Elementary.

For Tinian, the shelters are Tinian Elementary School and Tinian Jr. and Sr. High Schools.

For Rota, the shelters are the Aging Center and Dr. Rita Hocog-Inos Jr. and High Schools.

All vessel owners were advised to properly moor their boats or take them out of the water during the duration of the storm.

For those who need transportation, PSS has special service vehicles that can be used to help

immigration and citizenship interviews, and applicants will receive a new appointment letter from USCIS in the mail. Those who have InfoPass appointments for Friday should go online to www.uscis.gov and reschedule. (USCIS)

American Memorial Park closed

As per the Superintendent's directive, American Memorial Park visitor center and other service facilities was closed at 1pm yesterday, Oct. 5, and may be closed today, Oct. 6, or until further notice.

If you have questions or ideas on this important issue contact Jim Richardson, the Superintendent at War in the Pacific National Historical Park on Guam, and American Memorial Park on Saipan. He can be reached at jim_richardson@nps.gov or (671) 477-7278x1003. (NPS)

event, 91 percent of the money will go toward disaster relief resources and services and the remaining 9 percent will pay for administrative costs.

Hometown heroes

Red Cross officials also took time during the five-hour event to recognize businesses and individuals who have dedicated their time and service to those in need during and after a disaster strikes on island and around the globe.

Joeten Super Store and PHI Pharmacy were both acknowledged for continuously supporting the Red Cross by allowing some of their employees to leave work in order to assist in a disaster relief effort.

For Joeten Super Store, Dean Ocsillos was presented a certificate for his involvement in the Red Cross for the past 17 years. According to Hirsh, on some occasions Ocsillos gets up in the middle of the night to respond to a family in need.

"He is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is ready to respond as a member of the disaster action team," Hirsh said.

PHI Pharmacy's Claudine Atalig was recognized for her

transport those who need the service.

According to NWS, as Vongfong continues to approach the Marianas, heavy rainfall is expected to begin up to six hours prior to arrival of its eye.

Flash flood watch was in effect from 10pm Sunday through late Monday night for Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam.

A flash flood watch means that conditions may develop that lead to flash flooding.

Flights cancelled

All United Airlines flights scheduled to depart from and arrive at Guam International Airport today, Oct. 6, 2014, have been cancelled.

Cape Air has also cancelled all flights scheduled to depart from Guam, Saipan, and Rota today, Oct. 6. Normal operations are anticipated to resume

Bank of Hawaii closes branches

HAGATNA, Guam—In response to the Government of Guam and Government of Saipan's declaration of Condition of Readiness 2 due to Typhoon Vongfong and in anticipation of Condition of Readiness 1 last night, Bank of Hawaii's Saipan branches—Garapan and Chalan Kanoa—as well as Bank of Hawaii's Guam branches—Harmon, Tamuning and Hagatna—will remain closed today, Monday, Oct. 6, 2014. (BOH)

FHB Guam and Saipan branches closed

HAGATNA, Guam—All First Hawaiian Bank branches in Guam and on Saipan will be closed today, Oct. 6, 2014, due to the threat of Typhoon Vongfong. Guam and Saipan branches will reopen once it has been deemed safe to do so. (FHB)

liam Schroeder. Both she and Dunn have attended the Club 200 for the past eight years.

Sixty people were treated to a sweet surprise when officials announced that there would be instant prize winners. Audience members opened their program booklets and those with a numbered Red Cross sticker won instant prizes such as gift certificates to Saipan businesses and Thanksgiving dinner packages.

Continuing its tradition of giving away Treasure Chest prizes, ticket buyers were called to the stage to pick a key that would possibly open one of the three chests filled with over \$2,000 in prizes. Vechov Naum unlocked the first place Treasure Chest prize, which was worth \$2,186 in prizes.

Jean Sablan, a long-time support of the ARC and last year's winner of the most dedicated volunteer award, described the event a success.

"Everyone is having fun while being relaxed and comfortable. We need people to continue being interested in supporting this organization. Everything we make is for the community," she said.

on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

"As a precautionary safety measure to our customers and employees, the Saipan and Rota Airport ticket counters will be closed during the typhoon on Oct. 6 and will reopen when it is safe for all concerned," the airline said in a statement.

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very excited that the House finally passed the bill.

"We're very much looking forward to the Senate and the governor passing it for final approval so we can begin operations of Sea Touch. We believe Sea Touch is an operation that will differentiate the Saipan market from other markets in the region, including Guam. We're very much looking forward to being in business in the CNMI—hiring people and paying our taxes."

Williams, whose Baldyga groups owns Sea Touch, said their company has already spent \$275,000 on the project and are planning to hire 15 to 20 people.

"We should be up and running in six months after approval. We just need to go through the Senate process and we will be waiting for the decision of the governor. We believe it's favorable. Six months from that date we will be in full swing."

Williams said the Sea Touch investment is another sign that businesses are very upbeat on the islands' future as a tourist destination.

"We're confident that this current administration is doing a great job of bringing people to the islands and the numbers are on the rise. We see the Chinese numbers rising. We've met with several Chinese travel agents as well as Japanese travel agents, including one of their biggest wholesalers. In fact, you could go today in their desk and you could see it in their guidebook already. That's how excited they are about it. They are announcing it...and they really look forward to sending more travel packages here," he added.

The House's lengthy deliberations on the bill appeared to hit an impasse when Deleon Guerrero introduced an amendment changing the coordinates of Sea Touch's proposed project. But after some clarifications, the legislation passed with only three dissents: Vice Speaker Francisco Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan) and Reps. Ramon Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) and Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan).

"I'm asking the members to please give the project a chance. It is a unique type of development that will enhance our destination. We've been talking about destination enhancement. Palau has its dolphin facility. Guam has its aquarium. We don't have anything but I can't say this enough that I think the developer has been patient. It's been two years already. ... They're at the point now where they determined whether it's safe to navigate out or not."

United Express customers ticketed on flights may reschedule their itineraries in advance of the storm with a one-time date or time change, and the airline will waive the change fees.

Customers can find complete details, eligible travel dates and updates at United.com.

"we either accept it or they will move on. That's my worry that we won't benefit from this," said Deleon Guerrero during the bill's deliberations.

He added the Sea Touch project's value goes beyond the \$12,000 a year submerged land lease payment.

"I don't know how to quantify the value of how many tourists it will bring in and those tourists will leave the island and spread by word of mouth what our attractions here are. I don't even know how to quantify that in terms of monetary value. But I do believe it will benefit us in many ways even looking at it through public education."

Sea Touch plans to build temporary holding pens for the sharks and stingrays, and a floating walkway on the shallow waters fronting the hotel.

The amended bill the House passed corrected the proposed submerged land lease to 1,481 square meters, from 4,575 square meters, located by the Fiesta Resort & Spa beachside in Garapan. The proposed lease is for \$12,000 a year.

If approved by the Legislature, the lease would be for five years. The lease may be renewed for up to 20 more years, with each renewal term of up to five years. The amended bill that passed the House Friday also changed the coordinates from four geocoordinates to eight CNMI local grid coordinates.

Sea Touch agreement is also a potential landmark deal since it will be the first time the CNMI will be leasing its submerged lands.

In voting no to the bill, Tebuteb said he refuted William's expert opinion that the proposed area for Sea Touch is devoid of a lot of fish.

"I've been fishing there the past 20 years so I know that place. So it's a bit personal on top of those other things that we've sacrificed," said Tebuteb.

Keoni Hosono, Power 99 DJ and IT staff, went to the House Friday to oppose the project.

"I'm in favor of the idea but I'm opposed to the location they've selected. They're planning to build it right on the beachfront of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. The location that they've chosen is traditional ground for the Carolinians and the Chamorros. ... These are fishing grounds and that's the place where our people landed. It's not just the place where we sought shelter. It was also the best location where our navigators would stand there and look at the stars and clouds and do their calculations. It's a significant spot because that's where they determined whether it's safe to navigate out or not."

PERIOD COVERS JULY-SEPTEMBER

Deferred 25-percent pension will be disbursed this week

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Retirees waiting for their deferred 25-percent pension for the period of July to September don't need to wait long, after Gov. Eloy S. Inos assured Friday that the funds will be disbursed this week.

"We've communicated to the Settlement Fund since the initial agreement is they will issue the payments for the week of Oct. 5. So that will be next week. [Retirees should expect their pensions] anytime next week if the Settlement Fund is ready and prepared. We've basically asked them to go and issue out the disbursement," the governor said last Friday's proclamation signing designating October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Inos also clarified that the government is working on bringing up to date the pension payments for retirees to reflect 100 percent of the pensions due to them instead of the current 75 percent because of the Settlement Fund agreement.

"They're basically getting 100 percent. What happens is they will continue to get the 75 percent and all we need to do is pump in the other 25 percent. Our recommendation is to go

ahead and make those payments as the pensions are paid on a semi-monthly basis. Basically, the combined payments will be equivalent to 100 percent."

The governor also assured retirees that there is still money left from the \$30 million paid by Best Sunshine International Ltd. to develop an integrated casino resort on Saipan.

"There's money reserved for this. There's some balance left from the \$30 million payment so the secretary of Finance is making the cash allocations for all these payments. It's not one of those things where we need to issue big chunks of payments because we accumulated the deferral that way. I figure the equivalent of 25 percent in semi-monthly disbursements is approximately \$500,000. The secretary of Finance has begun to set aside those funds so we can pay them every 15 days as opposed to a big chunk," he said.

Retirees' nine-month payments, covering Oct. 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, have already been released. The payments for the July to September quarter are expected in early October. Under the original agreement, future disbursements of restored 25 percent pension will be made on a quarterly basis.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB14-GOV-147



Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, is soliciting sealed bids for the Gualo Rai Reservoir Replacement, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Construction of New Concrete Gualo Rai Reservoir with stairs and accessories.
- Demolition and removal of existing Gualo Rai Welded Steel Tank to include but is not limited to its tank concrete foundation and appurtenances.
- Modification of existing water supply pipes and other incidentals to complete the work per plans and specifications.
- Installation of Temporary Water Tanks, piping, fittings and chlorination/
- Construction of Chain Link fence and retaining walls.
- Removal of temporary facilities and control
- Pressure testing and chlorination of new tank and waterlines.
- Asphalt paving.
- Construction activity to not interrupt existing water service to the area.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after **September 22, 2014** at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anathan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at **10:00 a.m. on October 3, 2014**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be made as a part of the pre-bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on **October 2, 2014**.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3-301. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked "**IFB14-GOV-147**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 pm local time **October 22, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 pm local time **October 22, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 22, 2014**, and must be received no later than October 31, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, **October 31, 2014**. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on **October 22, 2014**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ELOY S. INOS
Governor

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP14-GOV-150



Legal Services For Water Task Force (Funded by the Dept. of Interior)

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the CNMI Governor's Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Legal Services for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This contract for professional services will be funded by grant funds from the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior.

The proposal package will be available on or after **September 29, 2014** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan or by request faxed to (670) 664-1515.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM October 10, 2014** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile number: (670) 664-2279).

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, NMAIC 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "**Legal Services" RFP14-GOV-150**". One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00pm, October 29, 2014 (CNMI Local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI Government.

/s/ELOY S. INOS
Governor

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

CUC opposes SDLLC request to include Buckingham video clips

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has opposed Saipan Development LLC's motion to make video clips of former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham being escorted by a group of policemen at the Saipan International Airport be made a part of the record that will be transmitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

CUC legal counsel James S. Sirok said this video was presented as part of SDLLC's last minute PowerPoint presentation during oral argument.

Sirok said the video was not included with SDLLC's motion, not filed as an exhibit, and not the subject of any of the court's rulings being appealed.

Sirok said CUC objects because the video was not properly "filed" under the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, and the video was not a "material" part of any finding under the Rules.

SDLLC is the Delaware-based contractor of the controversial \$190.8-million power purchase agreement that then-governor Benigno R. Fitial and then-AG Buckingham signed on behalf of CUC.

In SDLLC's motion to sup-

plement record, SDLLC counsel William M. Fitzgerald said it would be appropriate under the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure for the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order supplementing the record by including the video clips that it viewed during SDLLC's argument or as part of the PowerPoint presentation.

Fitzgerald said this is appropriate because the video clips are crucial to SDLLC's argument that "unfair media coverage" created extreme prejudice against SDLLC.

Buckingham testified during his trial that upon his arrival at the Saipan airport in the early morning of Aug. 4, 2012, he saw then-KSPN2 reporter Tina Sablan and that there were police officers separating her from him.

In CUC's opposition, Sirok said a court of appeals cannot authenticate documents as a matter of policy, and therefore an appellate court must be able to assume that any document that is designated part of the record was actually part of the record.

In this case, Sirok pointed out that the video was never "filed" as part of the record of

» **CUC counsel
James Sirok says
video clips not
properly 'filed'**

"While the video did show that the SDLLC matter had been reported on in the community by the media, it did not touch on the main thrust of SDLLC's argument, which is that the local judiciary was affected by the news coverage," he said.

Last February, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo found Buckingham guilty of all public corruption charges except one and sentenced him to 3.5 years in prison, all suspended.

SDLLC is appealing to the Ninth Circuit the decision of U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona to dismiss its lawsuit against CUC over the voided power purchase agreement.

SDLLC is appealing to reverse Manglona's order.

Cruise line makes 'historic' visit to Pagan

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

According to the Northern Island Development Planning group for the Northern Island's Mayor Office, the *Silver Explorer* that just visited Saipan this week after its "historic" trip to Pagan was arranged as part of economic development plan to bring "high-end tourism" to the Northern Islands, especially Pagan.

According to group chair Herman B. Cabrera, the idea of a cruise liner visiting Pagan sprang up in a September 2012 Frontier Summit conference on Saipan, which examined eco-

nomic development alternatives for the Northern Islands.

He called the *Silver Explorer* visit an "historic undertaking" of two years, with Pacific Development Inc., the tour guide of the trip, recently telling them there was a good possibility of eventually having four cruise liners passing through Pagan in the future.

"This is the beginning," he said.

The group notes the importance of redevelopment that is consistent with the "natural beauty" of the island, and is looking for tourism that will leave "no heavy footprint."

"We don't want to have a lot

of indiscriminate kinds of tourists," he said, adding they are looking for tourists who are sensitive to nature and the "fragile ecosystem" of the island.

The group was at the *Silver Explorer*'s brief port call on Saipan and urged the captain to make the trip "the first of many more" to come.

The group believes the economy the island is capable of sustaining would deal with agriculture, fishery, and the use of small cottages.

Silver Explorer's Pagan visit on Sept. 28 took tourists on a trip to one of the island's most recent lava flows and abandoned World War II runways.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Northern Islands development planners Herman B. Cabrera, Jerome Aldan, and William Torres welcome the captain of the cruise liner *Silver Explorer*, Capt. Adam Boczek, during the vessel's port call on Saipan last week. The cruise line also made stopovers on Pagan and Tinian.



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UNITED NESIA FEST 3 DRAWS HUNDREDS

Fans go crazy for Spawnbreezie, Tenelle, Beachboy, Boomer

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The United Nesia Fest 3 on Friday night drew hundreds to the beachside of Fiesta Resort & Spa, all wanting to see the performances of headliners Spawnbreezie, Beachboy, Tenelle, and Chris Boomer.

With local performers doing opening act routines, the special performances by the imported talents had the fans going crazy—screaming out the performers' names or taking videos of their acts.

Despite the heat and rain, the concert lasted close to 11pm. Many of the singers' popular songs had the audience dancing and singing along. Spawnbreezie, Beachboy, and Tenelle had young teenagers rushing toward the stage to reach out to the three performers.

Local talents Marvin Deleon Guerrero and Amber Mendiola, Tom Basa Jr. and the Marianas Project, and Latte Vibes started off the crowd with island tunes.

Chris Boomer, who performed with a ukulele player, drew loud shouts and cheers when he strode on stage with his guitar.

Beachboy drew nonstop attention from the women in the crowd, Tenelle mesmerized



JAYSON CAMACHO

Beachboy starts singing and rapping as he hits the stage during United Nesia Fest 3.

the crowd with her melodious voice, while Spawnbreezie hyped the crowd with his unique vocals and hits.

Along with the performances, food, and drinks, the concert

also had a raffle of prizes provided by United Nesia Fest's major sponsor, IT&E, that included Blue Dash 4G capable phones and battery packs. Tickets were sold at \$1.

United Nesia Marianas Chapter president Rob Travilla said the turnout was great and surpassed all his expectations.

"My company is a proud partner of the United Nesia and we

had actually started this in 2011 with Island Trybe performing and Tribal Theory in 2012," he said.

For next year, Travilla said there are already artists in his



JAYSON CAMACHO

Hundreds of community members line up to enter the United Nesia Fest 3 grounds to watch Spawnbreezie perform.



JAYSON CAMACHO

Chris Boomer performs with a ukulele player during the United Nesia Fest 3.



JAYSON CAMACHO

Tenelle draws shouts and cheers with her melodious voice during the United Nesia Fest 3.



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Spawnbreezie smiles as the crowd cheer and shout for more.

radar, including the Green, J Boog, and Rebel Souljahz.

Spawnbreezie, Beachboy and Tenelle later told *Saipan Tribune* that they want to return because the crowd was amazing.

"I definitely would return. I am very humbled with all the fans that came out today and I would come here every week if I could," Tenelle said.

"I had the time of my life, I love Saipan, and honestly the crowd was crazy and fun. I've never felt this feeling my whole life and being out here today, I love them all," Beachboy said.

Spawnbreezie thanked the people who came out to watch the performances, saying he would love to be back on Saipan again.

"I had a great time. The people here were great, the island is beautiful, I love Saipan. I hope to visit again and perform for the people of the CNMI," Spawnbreezie said.

"I am very overwhelmed and lost for words. I want to thank every single person that bought tickets, lined up for the tickets, waited and sacrificed to get out here today. I want to thank my sponsors and hope that this will open up the door to new sponsors for this event next year," Travilla said.

CNMI Junior Achievement seeks business mentors

Junior Achievement of Guam, the CNMI Public School System, and the Commonwealth Development Authority are set to launch

the JA Company Program in public high schools on Oct. 15, 2014.

Business volunteers are needed to lead sessions

for the JA Company Program at Kagman, Marianas, and Saipan Southern high schools. The after-school, high school program will run

from mid-October through early February 2015. The program provides students the opportunity to meet to organize and operate a real

business and run it for 12 weeks.

With the guidance of business volunteers, students form a company, sell shares to capitalize it, choose a product or service, elect company officers/executives, formulate a business plan, produce a product or carry out a service and sell it. Toward the end of the program, the company is liquidated.

Student companies will have the opportunity to sell their product or service at a trade fair planned to take place in December. The program culminates with a banquet in early February for presentation of various awards, including Company of the Year and President of the Year.

Volunteers use real-world experiences in conjunction with the JA curriculum to teach business principals, decision-making and critical thinking skills. Volunteers will have a guide for leading discussions and a professional educator to assist at each meeting. Meetings are held once a week and run 10 hours to 2 hours. Volunteers may lead one, two or as many sessions as their schedule allows.

Any company or organization with a desire to make a positive impact on our youth can support the CNMI JA Company Program by pro-

viding volunteers. To register or for more information, contact Carline Sablan at the Commonwealth Development Authority at econ-dev@eda.gov.mp or 234-6245, Ext. 314 or Frances Ulloa at CNMI Public School System at frances.ulloa@cnmpss.org or 237-3032.

About Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement is a worldwide non-profit organization that provides educational programs for youth to gain the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future and make smart academic and economic choices. Corporate and community volunteers deliver relevant, hands-on experiences that give students the knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship.

Junior Achievement is one of the largest non-profit organizations worldwide dedicated to inspiring youth to own their future and their economic success. Junior Achievement is a 121-member network across the world with reach to more than 10 million students and powered by more than 430,000 volunteers from all sectors of society. (CDA)



Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider pose with members of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, a couple of lawmakers, and other supporters on Sept. 30 on Capital Hill after signing the proclamation that declares October as CNMI Humanities Month.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider proclaimed October as CNMI Humanities Month last week during a simple ceremony at the Governor's Office conference room.

Members of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and a couple of lawmakers from the House of Representatives attended the Sept. 30 event on Capital Hill.

In signing the proclamation, Inos and Hofschneider said the Governor's Office and the council, through the 2014 Governor's Humanities Awards, will jointly recognize outstanding individual contributions in the humanities, as well as contributions made by donors, partners, and former members of the council's board of directors that have sustained and strengthened humanities programming in the past 23 years.

Besides the Governor's Humanities Awards, the council will also be holding a bevy of other activities this month. These include the launching of a Pagan Island website, which presents the translated memoirs of Japanese settlers who were residents on the island in the 1930s and 1940s.

This month will also see launch of the late Ruth Tighe's columns on the council's website as well as the staging of the annual Sengebau Poetry Competition.

Local historian and council member Don Farrell also reminded Inos and Hofschneider that they are doing all of these

sans appropriation from the local government.

Inos said he is grateful how the council has been promoting the islands' culture and history with minimal help from the local government. He then requested the House, specifically Rep. Janet U. Maratita (Ind-Saipan), to appropriate a "couple of thousand" dollars to the council the next fiscal year, which elicited a response from Farrell that, "\$200,000

would be great but \$2,000 is more than welcome."

"You folks are doing a great job keeping things alive from the old days. I always enjoy Don's writings. I don't even have to read your books; I just listen you talk," Inos said in his comeback that drew laughter from everyone in attendance.

The council is still accepting nominations for the Governor's Humanities Award,

which will be given out on Oct. 23, 2014. (Mark Rabago)



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC IFB 14-002 NMC Air-Conditioning Project

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement and installation of high efficiency air-conditioning units for the As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Monday, September 15, 2014 between the hours of 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m., As Terlaje Campus, Saipan.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site inspection for interested person, firms and corporation will be held on September 24, 2014 at 9:00am, NMC Procurement Management Office, Bldg. L, 2nd floor, conference room.

This procurement is 100% Federally Funded made available from the Office of Insular Affairs, Empowering Insular Communities Program.

In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is not available to local businesses for this procurement.

Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., October 16, 2014, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the IFB via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

Approved by the following:

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/ David J. Altao
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CUC-RFEOI-14-020

Request for Expressions of Interest for Vegetation Line Clearing Services (A Non-Binding, Informal Market Survey)

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, requests "Expressions of Interest" (EOI) from qualified firms capable of providing supervision, labor, equipment, traffic control, debris removal and incidentals necessary to perform tree and brush cutting and removal service on various utility rights-of-way and utility lines in the CUC service territory.

The Request for Expressions of Interest is an exploratory project in order to survey market interest in Vegetation Line Clearing Services. It is not intended to be a formal or informal procurement process and CUC does not express or imply that any future procurement and/or acquisition process will occur, or that any preference will be given to those replying.

The CUC invites qualified firms to express their interest in performing the needed services. CUC will review all Expressions of Interests received, and based in part on these submittals, will decide on whether to outsource the Vegetation Line Clearing Services to private firms.

The CUC-RFEOI-14-020 Package will be e-mailed upon request to all interested firm, by the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:30 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Four (4) copies must be submitted by hand or courier in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFEOI-14-020" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No. 3, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 14, 2014**. Late submission will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 26, 2014** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Procurement & Supply Manager via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Gary Camacho, Power Division T&D Manager via email address gary.camacho@cucgov.org. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

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Wartime is the wrong time for blame

The United States is waging war in Iraq and Syria. We are convinced, unequivocally, that the enemy is the well-armed, crafty and cruel assemblage of antediluvian thugs known as the Islamic State, or ISIS, or ISIL. In some circles, though, our certainty about who's-the-real-foe sets us apart. In the battle to assess blame for missing the astonishing rise of the Islamic State this year, the White House and the nation's intelligence community have been skirmishing with...each other.

We bother with this low-rent spat because (a) American warriors are risking their lives against extremist militants, and (b) members of Congress can't even muster the courage to authorize these attacks, and (c) Americans should focus on how to win this fight—and not be distracted by a Beltway blame game.

Instead we have President Barack Obama opining Sunday on "60 Minutes" that U.S. intelligence agencies had underestimated the heft of the Islamic State. This provoked pushback from the intel community, saying Obama had been repeatedly warned. Which provoked pushback from the White House, saying Obama didn't really mean to stick it to his overseas sleuths. All of which provoked a nearly full-page New York Times to-and-fro; we can imagine the two reporters striving to keep straight faces as they chronicled this adroit Washington exercise in fanny-covering. Quick rewind:

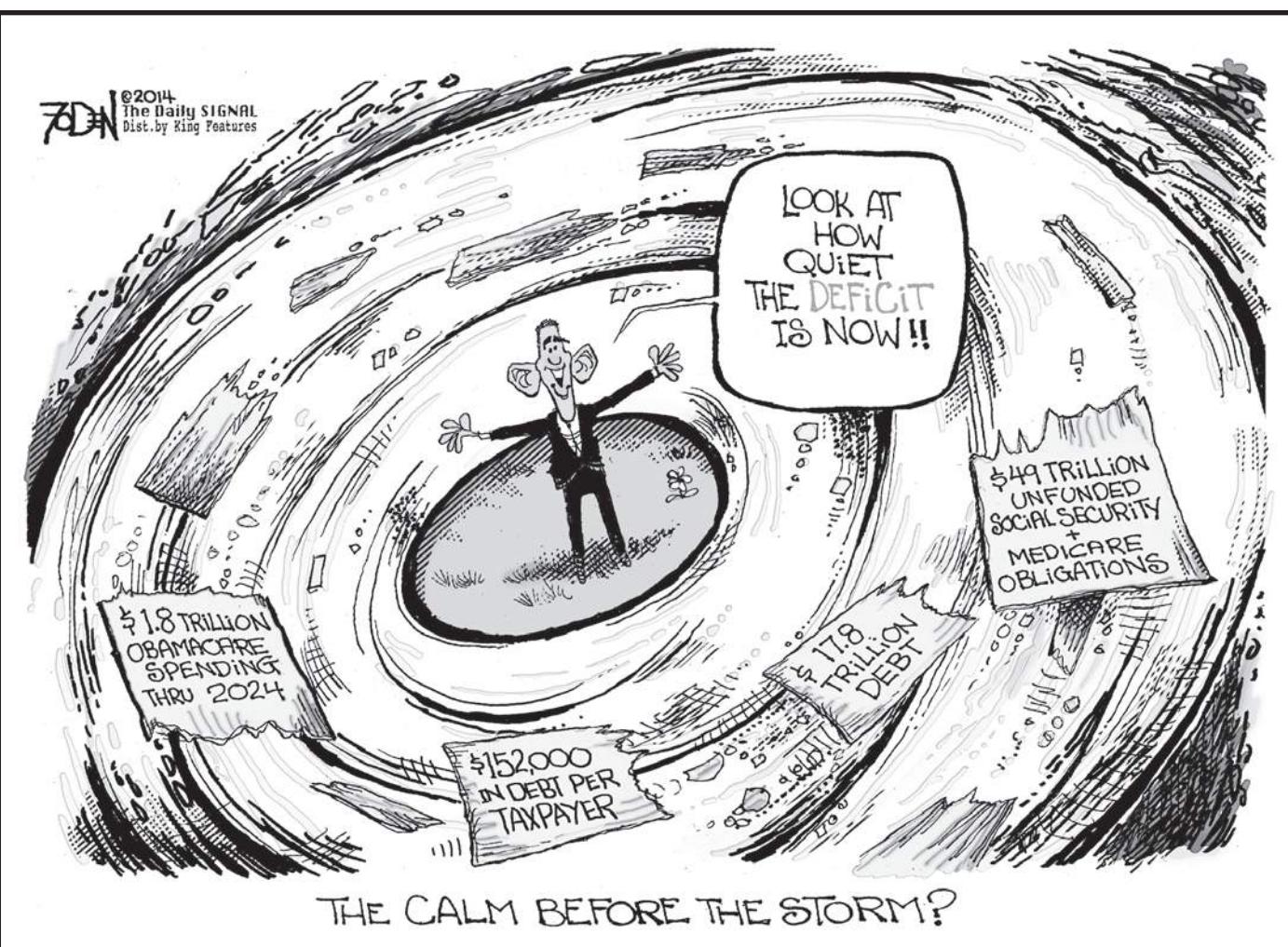
—Last December, classified intel attested to the Islamic State's rising violence in Iraq. Washington dispatched missiles and drones to help the Baghdad government resist. But on Jan. 1, militants staked beachheads for their caliphate by rolling into two important cities, Fallujah and Ramadi, where many Americans had died during the Iraq war.

—Asked during a Jan. 7 interview with *The New Yorker* about the resurgence of al-Qaida, Obama answered that "if a JV team puts on Lakers uniforms, that doesn't make them Kobe Bryant." He suggested that jihadists "engaged in various local power struggles and disputes" lacked the capability of Osama bin Laden's network for "planning major terrorist plots against the homeland."

—On Feb. 11, in his annual Defense Intelligence Agency threat report to Congress, Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn said, "ISIL probably will attempt to take territory in Iraq and Syria in 2014, as demonstrated recently in Ramadi and Fallujah."

—The Islamic State has more than fulfilled Flynn's warning. Yet in a Sept. 17 interview, James Clapper, Obama's director of national intelligence, told a Washington Post columnist that he had given the White House evidence of the militants' "prowess and capability." But, Clapper added, "What we didn't do was predict the will to fight," comparing the jihadists to Viet Cong fighters and North Vietnamese soldiers a generation ago.

—On Sunday's "60 Minutes," the president said, "Our head of the intelligence community, Jim Clapper, has acknowledged that, I think, they underestimated what had been taking place in Syria." He said nothing about any underestimation on his part. In the Times' account, an unnamed "senior American intelligence official" retorted, "Some of us were pushing the reporting, but the White House just didn't pay attention to it. They were preoccupied with other crises. This just wasn't a big priority." Several members of Con-



Sub-Afrika live

Africa in my geo-social grid is actually not homogeneous. I hold a continent called North Africa and the Near East (NANE). It used to be NAME with "ME" as the Middle East. Anatolia (Turkey) was Near East to Europe and that's how we got stuck with the Middle East name, which should properly refer to Central Asia if the Pacific Coast is the Far East.

Sub-Saharan geography all the way to the Cape of Good Hope is what I normally consider Africa, though the Sabeans of Yemen separated by the Red Sea from kin in Ethiopia-Djibouti-Eritrea-Somalia have more reasons to be together than apart. But I will settle for Sub-Afrika (with a nod to Swahili and Afrikaans on the "k" for now).

With the focus on the Ebola virus exponentially spreading between Senegal and Zaire (DR Congo), and now the two cases reaching U.S. soil, grossly mishandled in Dallas, plus the news that a mysterious virus is breaking out in Colorado and Columbia affecting predominantly girls, give us serious pause. Dengue stalks Guangdong. Something is abroad and it is not just the old standby of air pollution!

The news is that the isotopes from the Fukushima nuclear reactor will be with us for a very long time, its effects indeterminate. China has 21 working reactors listed in 2013, (additional 22 under construction). Humans are definitely evolving and we thought the neural disorder reflected by the increase diagnoses on autism was just a fluke! Nope, isotope! Our neural furniture is being rearranged.

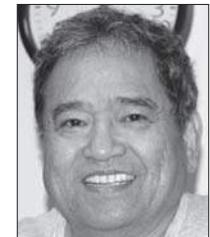
But if the last half of the last century focused on the Pacific, this century will get us familiar with Afrika. A huge Nigerian community lives in Guangzhou where Afrika derives products it sells in the Sub-Afrikan continent; also the source of construction materials brought into Afrika to support public work projects, including high tech rails and highways.

My Afrikan students at SAU had two comments about Chinese business presence in Afrika. First, Chinese folks are not intrusive, out to dominate industry as colonial powers did, nor introduce influence peddling (that corrupted China's homeland the last century, now the target of the CCP Politburo's reform), or sway political winds, and definitely do not strut around as a superior race out to civilize natives. They form partnership with a local accountant's eye set carefully on the ledger. There are aberrations, and I am not one to paint goody-good-shoe on China traders, but the infractions so far are more the exception than the rule.

The second is on race, or more strictly, skin color. Afrikan ladies note that Chinese men do not normally ask them out for a date. There are no qualms among the male asking Chinese ladies who even end up marrying their Afrikan boyfriends and returning to their Afrikan home where their offspring are wel-

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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come. "Black is beautiful" may go with the raised fist in UC Berkeley but mestizo blood is preferred in the world, definitely in south L.A. and even in Afrika. Chinese families defensively hide a Sino-African child around, preferring that they be raised elsewhere. China is extremely enamored with staying "white" (yellow is for countryside folks!).

Stokely Carmichael, SNCC's honorary chair, was born in Trinidad, married Guinean singer Mariam Makeba, died at 57 of cancer he claimed the FBI gave him (he was on J. Edgar Hoover's famous list), was no African "black," nor is Harry Belafonte, Jesse Jackson, or the "black" President, Barrack Obama. Naomi Campbell did not become famous flashing her oral gleam from black skin! The color scheme on skin color is a cultural anthropology term associated with Ur-images, and has nothing to do with ethnic purity, or, yes, even color of one's skin.

There is nothing homogenous about Sub-Afrika from the Sahara to the Cape. The savannahs of the East are different from the rainforests of the West; the Kalahari is abundant with life while the dunes of the Sahara is chaste. The Congo basin is host to anything alive in the planet and the Rift's highlands and its lakes captivates a struggling solitary soul.

At Afrika's southern Cape, on the Atlantic side is Cape Town and on the Indian Ocean side, East London. The Boers may have prevailed against the empire but the Brits left their names.

Afrika is blessed with hardly a trace of local nuclear isotopes (South Africa has two nuclear reactors, and Morocco has one under construction) but that will change soon with the U.S. being the majority patent holder and user of nuclear energy technology knocking at its doors. But first, the oil. World business is upset because the Ebola negatively impacts African gas and oil. Come again? The pregnant girl that the Texan guy helped looked emaciated. They are starving in many parts of West Africa, and we worry about the oil?

We really need to establish alternative energy technologies fast. This is *Zhimu Ban Da 0-2-10 (ala 007)*, agent for solar panels, wind turbines, steam and hydroelectric generators, with maritime Silk Route license; can sail, will travel!

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US is slipping into a disastrous engagement against the Islamic State

Mission creep usually guarantees mission failure. What follows from changing the original goals of the mission is all too evident in the failed U.S. efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq. Now the United States has fallen into that trap with the Islamic State. The result will be a long and costly engagement and failure.

Afghanistan and Iraq are prime examples. The original U.S. mission in Afghanistan was to overthrow the Taliban, which had provided sanctuary to al-Qaida. That was swiftly accomplished. Given the rapidity and ease of accomplishing the mission, President George W. Bush was emboldened to do the same in Iraq. While that was being done, U.S. troops pretty much lolled about Afghanistan with no particular orders. The outcome in Iraq looked very much like Afghanistan—a three-week campaign that overthrew Saddam Hussein. (Given that Iran had fought an eight-year war with Iraq—and lost—Iran was a very tempting next target for the neoconservatives running U.S. foreign policy. But that's the subject for an entirely different piece.)

"Mission accomplished," Bush said. And it was. But then the mission was changed. Instead of turning Afghanistan back to the Afghans, instead of turning Iraq back to the Iraqis, the Bush folks decided that the U.S. should run both countries.

Not only run the two countries ourselves, but far more ambitiously, remake each country into the image of the United States—democratic governments, market economies and liberal, modern cultures.

Our failure to accomplish any of those goals in either country is all too obvious. The years of death that followed, and the years that will ultimately cost the U.S. trillions of dollars, are all reminders of those failures.

But there is no greater sign of those failures than the debacle now unfolding in Iraq. The success of the Islamic State is a direct result of the failure of the U.S. to accomplish its grand-mission-creep goals for Iraq. What was created instead was a state run by and for

the long-oppressed Shiites. Sunnis, the backbone of the Saddam Hussein regime, got their comeuppance. The Kurds got an autonomous Kurdistan.

The Islamic State is the Sunni response.

In order to blunt the advance on Baghdad and Kurdistan, the U.S. made its first airstrikes against the Islamic State on Aug. 10. Very selective airstrikes stopped their attacks on Kurdistan, stopped their advance on Baghdad, allowed the Iraqi army to recapture a major dam and helped "save" many Yazidis, members of a religious minority in northern Iraq.

On Aug. 19, the Islamic State released a video showing the beheading of American journalist James Foley. On Sept. 2, the Islamic State released another video showing the beheading of another U.S. journalist, Steven Sotloff. The videos unleashed a storm of outrage across the United States. The brutal killings of the two Americans generated more American hysteria than all the murderous tragedies that have befallen Iraq.

On Sept. 10, President Barack Obama vowed to "degrade and destroy" the Islamic State.

Here is the finest example of mission creep since the debacle producing decisions on Afghanistan and Iraq.

The problems with this instance of mission creep are many.

First, the U.S. has made a commitment to accomplish a goal without controlling all the necessary variables. The Islamic State can be destroyed only with the use of ground troops. But there is no evidence that the Iraqi army will be up to the task. Since the all-out bombing of Islamic State positions in Iraq by the U.S. and its coalition armies, the Iraqi army has yet to capture a single Islamic State position.

Worse, to weaken general Sunni attraction to the Islamic State, the government in Baghdad has to drop its Shiite commitments and become truly inclusive of its minority Sunni population. But there is, as of yet, no indication that the Shiites are willing to make that

adjustment.

Second, by beginning a widespread air campaign meant to destroy the Islamic State, the U.S. has made a direct enemy of the extremist group. Originally, its intent was on establishing its version of an Islamic state and controlling territories in Iraq and Syria, but we have managed to get the Islamic State to focus its ire on the U.S. The terrorism alerts across the U.S. are the result.

Third, after attacking the Islamic State and Al-Nusra Front, an al-Qaida franchise in Syria, the two have united. The groups have begun to hold joint war-planning meetings. Other jihadi groups will feel encouraged to ally with the Islamic State against their common enemy.

Fourth, the U.S. has taken the side of the Shiites in this fight. As a result, the regime of the Assads has been strengthened. So has Hezbollah. So has the Shiite regime in Baghdad. So has the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, whose overreaching in Iraq and Syria, to begin with, had so much to do with birthing the Islamic State.

All in all, the U.S. has chosen a perilous course. The mission creep from moving to contain the Islamic State to destroying it is a major step that will not be accomplished any time soon and will, as a result, likely lead to attacks within the United States and to the strengthening of Iran, which our sanctions are meant to weaken.

By MARVIN ZONIS

Chicago Tribune



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How old is too old?

In a controversial article in the October issue of *The Atlantic*, Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel writes, "Seventy-five. That's how long I want to live: 75 years."

The controversy is not strictly because of the sentiment he expresses; many people feel the same way he does about growing old. Even Psalm 90 in the Bible describes a similar life-span for man: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten (70); and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years (80), yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

Nor, to his credit, does Emanuel draw cheap attention to himself by advocating for legalizing euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. He has always been against those movements and in favor of improving hospice and end-of-life care.

But his remarks are provocative because he is one of the most influential doctors in America—a key health adviser to President Barack Obama, as well as brother of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. When he advocates life past 75 is not worth living, at some point there may be public-policy implications.

In the article, he writes, "The fact is that by 75, creativity, originality, and productivity are pretty much gone for the vast, vast majority of us. ... It is true, people can continue to be productive past 75—to write and publish, to draw, carve, and sculpt, to compose. But there is no getting around the data. By definition, few of us can be exceptions."

Before consigning everyone over 75 to the fate of Soylent Green (if you're under 50, Google that reference), Emanuel should be reminded what his world might look like were it not for those exceptional people over 75.

When he was over 75, President Ronald Reagan gave his famous speech challenging Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin Wall. No speech was more crucial to ending 20th century European communism.

While Emanuel, a Democrat, may hold no special fondness for Reagan, in terms of political balance, he need only look at Edward Kennedy, the longtime Democratic senator from Massachusetts. In 2008, when Kennedy was over 75, he compared Obama to his brother, President John F. Kennedy. The senator then made the momentous decision to endorse Obama for the Democratic nomination for president at the expense of Hillary Rodham Clinton. Without the Kennedy endorsement, Obama might not have won the nomination and become president.

In his 80s, British leader Winston Churchill completed one

of the 20th century's greatest historical works, *A History of the English-Speaking Peoples*. Astronaut John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth, became the oldest person to fly in space at the age of 77. In a remarkable and underreported life, adventurer Barbara Hillary, having survived cancer, became the first African-American woman to reach the North Pole at the age of 75. Four years later, she made it to the South Pole, becoming the first African-American woman to visit both poles.

In *The Atlantic*, Emanuel despairs of the declining contributions of elderly scientists. Yet when he was 88, Dr. Michael DeBakey, America's greatest heart surgeon, supervised Russian cardiac surgeons who performed bypass surgery on Russian President Boris Yeltsin. DeBakey practiced medicine, lectured, and wrote well into his 90s. His medical career alone spanned Emanuel's natural life-span of 75 years. Barbara McClintock won the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine when she was in her 80s for her groundbreaking work in genetics.

If any group has the right to take issue with Emanuel, it is attorneys. When he was 78, Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. issued an opinion, familiar to every law student, that outlined the limits of free speech: He wrote that the First Amendment "would not protect a man falsely shouting fire in a theater and causing a panic." His colleague, Louis Brandeis, served on the court for 23 years, well into his 80s. Four of the nine current Supreme Court justices are over 75.

Great authors including George Bernard Shaw and Johann

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gress have piled on, according to their partisan proclivities.

Had enough? So have we. With American lives and interests at stake, we wish the nation's leaders would place rallying a public uncertain about this mission ahead of assessing who missed what, when. We wish the president had sounded more like a committed commander in chief than like a detached First Negative on the debate team. Just as we wish the intel officials beefing about their boss had admitted that nobody fully anticipated this juggernaut in the desert: We suspect that the Islamic State itself is surprised by its rampant successes in Iraq and Syria. What say we all schedule a national Day of Blame for, oh, the first full moon after the last American returns from this war.

As long as we're wishing: The next time you hear a campaign-

ing member of Congress say he or she expects a Capitol Hill vote authorizing use of force after the Nov. 4 election, ask why he or she is comfortable collecting paychecks while our fighting men and women are left to wonder whether the American people—through their elected representatives—will ever get behind this mission.

In sum: This is wartime for America.

Each time American officials focus on the disputed past, the Islamic State can hope that the people of this country grow more disinterested in the urgent present.

So let's apportion blame for yesterday on some distant tomorrow.

And let's ask our electioneering members of Congress to do their jobs...today.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Damaging winds. Southeast winds 45 to 55 mph decreasing to 35 to 45 mph in the afternoon. Cloudy. Numerous locally heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy and windy with numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 25 to 35 mph.	Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲ 82° ▼ 75°	▲ 83° ▼ 74°	▲ 85° ▼ 75°	▲ 86° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 83	▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 83	▼ 80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 78
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84	▼ 82

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲ 61	▼ 49
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 70	▼ 50
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲ 83	▼ 74
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87	▼ 76
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 60	▼ 49
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 92	▼ 66
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 87	▼ 75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64	▼ 46
Miami	Showers	▲ 84	▼ 76
New York	Sunny	▲ 70	▼ 62
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 74	▼ 57
Paris	Showers	▲ 65	▼ 58
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲ 71	▼ 61
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 77	▼ 59
Salem	Sunny	▲ 83	▼ 55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79	▼ 57
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 71	▼ 50
Tokyo	Showers	▲ 72	▼ 60
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 75	▼ 59

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:07 AM	6:03 PM	Today	4:14 PM	3:34 AM
Tuesday	6:07 AM	6:02 PM	Tuesday	5:03 PM	4:34 AM
Wednesday	6:08 AM	6:02 PM	Wednesday	5:52 PM	5:34 AM
Thursday	6:08 AM	6:01 PM	Thursday	6:41 PM	6:33 AM
Friday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM	Friday	7:31 PM	7:32 AM

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DEPARTURES

ARRIVALS

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7
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GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
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ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT
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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily
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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1
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0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
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0Z604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	4:00am	8:00am	4, 7
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Marines get a taste of competitive shooting on Tinian

By LANCE CPL. LUIS RAMIREZ
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI

ECHO FIELD, Tinian—Marines with Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 traveled to the American Gun Club Inc. outdoor range, on Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, to take part in a pistol range shoot on Sept. 29, 2014, during Forager Fury III.

An estimated 1,300 personnel are participating in Forager Fury III, a Marine Corps-led exercise involving a full spectrum of fixed wing and rotary aircraft operations. It has a heavy emphasis on unit level tactical aviation and aviation ground support to further develop expeditionary combat capabilities while training in the Marianas Island Range Complex. The exercise began Sept. 24, 2014, and is scheduled to last until Oct. 6.

The visit to the range held by Lt. Col. James Whiteker, the commanding officer for MWSS-171, Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, was focused on showing Marines, with previous experience in handling an M9 Beretta, what to expect if they take part in competitive shooting.

Whiteker is a distinguished marksman with two gold distinguished pistol marksmanship badges and numerous experiences on competitive shooting ranges.

"Most of the Marines here are pistol qualified or have previous experience handling this weapon," said Whiteker. "However, shooting for a competition is not as simple as the tables required for the qualification. Just because you can shoot does not mean you can hit a target accurately."

The main focus for the range was teaching Marines how to fire the pistol while only utilizing one hand.

Whiteker encouraged service members to practice sight alignment and trigger control before actual firing to become comfortable with one-handed firing.



LANCE CPL. LUIS RAMIREZ

Lt. Col. James Whiteker coaches Cpl. Jose Escribano during a pistol range at the American Gun Club Inc. outdoor range on Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands on Sept. 29, 2014.



LANCE CPL. LUIS RAMIREZ

Cpl. Kyle Coutts fires an M9 Beretta during a pistol range at the American Gun Club Inc. outdoor range on Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands Sept. 29, 2014.

"It's more challenging at first shooting with one hand," said Cpl. Jose Escribano, a motor transportation operator with the squadron. "There is a big difference in the stability when you shoot, and it can take you by surprise if you don't pay attention."

Escribano said that thanks to the tips given to him by Whiteker, he was able to improve his stance, firing rate and, ultimately, his accuracy.

By the end of the day, Marines fired approximately 2,500 rounds.

"Practice make perfect," said Whiteker. "You don't become a distinguished marksman by putting just a few rounds down

range. It takes a lot of work."

Whiteker added that he hopes the Marines received some valuable experience

during their time at the range, and looks forward to seeing his Marines take an interest in competitive shooting.

3 Saipan students join nat'l scholars society



Jeromalyn W. Santos



Samuel David F. Santos



Rachel V. Palijo

Three students from Saipan have recently been selected to become members of the esteemed National Society of High School Scholars. The organization recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship, and community commitment.

The three are Kagman High School students Jeromalyn W. Santos and Samuel David F. Santos, and Marianas Baptist Academy student Rachel V. Palijo.

The announcement was made by NSHSS founder and chair Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

Jeromalyn said she is honored that to be a part of one of the most prestigious honor societies.

"Although it was new to me personally, it wasn't so new within my family. My older sister is currently a member as well. I would have never gone this far if it wasn't for my family and everybody else who surrounds me. I am deeply grateful for the different people who

helped me walk through the paths of my life," she said.

Samuel concedes that he's not the smartest student in his class but becoming an NSHSS member embodies the dedication and effort that he puts into his education.

"I am currently attending [Northern Marianas College] as a college freshman and I am hoping to obtain my bachelor's degree in education in the coming years. Regardless of the challenges that I have yet to face, as a member, I am bound to 'maintain high standards of academic excellence' and that is exactly what I'm after. I've always felt like these recognitions are meant to push an individual into striving for their goals. It's not just about the title, or the lifetime membership, or the pomp and benefits that come with it. Becoming a member bounds you into a promise that no matter what, you will do your best."

Nobel said he is honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Jeromalyn, Samuel, and Palijo

demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence.

He said the three are now members of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents the country's very best hope for the future.

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," stated NSHSS president James W. Lewis. "We aim to help students build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, personalized recognition item, and publicity honors. For more information about NSHSS visit www.nshss.org. (PR)

Search for missing Marine suspended

TINIAN—The search for Corporal Donovan E. Clancy, assigned to Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18, was officially suspended by U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam on Oct. 1, 5am Guam time. Clancy's next of kin were notified prior to the U.S. Coast Guard's request to suspend the search.

"Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to all who have been affected by this event, especially the family of Cpl. Donovan E. Clancy. Know that you have our continued support during these trying times," said Col. Hunter H. Hobson, commanding officer of Marine Aircraft Group 12 and executing

officer of Forager Fury III.

The search for Clancy coordinated by USCG Sector Guam began the evening of Friday, Sept. 26. Participating units included Marine Air Group 12 Marines; the Saipan Department of Public Safety; the Tinian DPS; USCG Cutter Washington; Patrol Squadron 5; Commander, Task Force 72; and Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 search and rescue teams.

Clancy, from Ridgway, Pa., joined the Marine Corps in Feb. 2011. Prior to reporting to MWCS-18 on Okinawa, Japan, in December 2012 as an AN/TRC-170 technician, he was assigned to Marine Corps

Communications Electronics School Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.; Defense Language Institute Monterey, Calif.; Marine Combat Training, School of Infantry, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; and Recruit Training Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

His awards include the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Meritorious Mast, Korean Defense Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

A memorial service for Clancy will be held on Tinian's Unai Lamlam Beach. Final time is pending due to weather. (Public Affairs Office, Forager Fury)

26th Annual Club 200

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Cultural performers entertain over a thousand guests at the 26th annual Club 200 on Saturday at Fiesta Resort and Spa's beachside.



Saipan residents showcase their luau-themed outfits while enjoying entertainment and food during last weekend's American Red Cross Club 200.



Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio joins other guests at Saturday's Club 200.



Members of Thetas and Ali's dance group light up the night with torches during their performance at the Club 200.



American Red Cross' Larry Lee poses for a photo in his costume for the night.



From left, William Schroeder, Trey Dunn, and Amanda Allen step on stage to flaunt their luau costumes at Saturday's Club 200. Allen and Dunn won last year's costume contest as well.



Saipan residents enjoy the night during Saturday's Club 200.



Jennifer Deleon Guerrero, third from left, poses with Red Cross officials after receiving an award for her 20 years of service to the organization as a member of the disaster action team.



Joeten Super Store representatives and Red Cross officials pose for a photo after being recognized for their support for the American Red Cross on Saipan.



Vechov Naum unlocked the first place treasure chest prize, which was worth \$2,186 in prizes.



Kennedy Benjamin, third from left, smiles after receiving an award in recognition of his 17 years of service to the Red Cross.



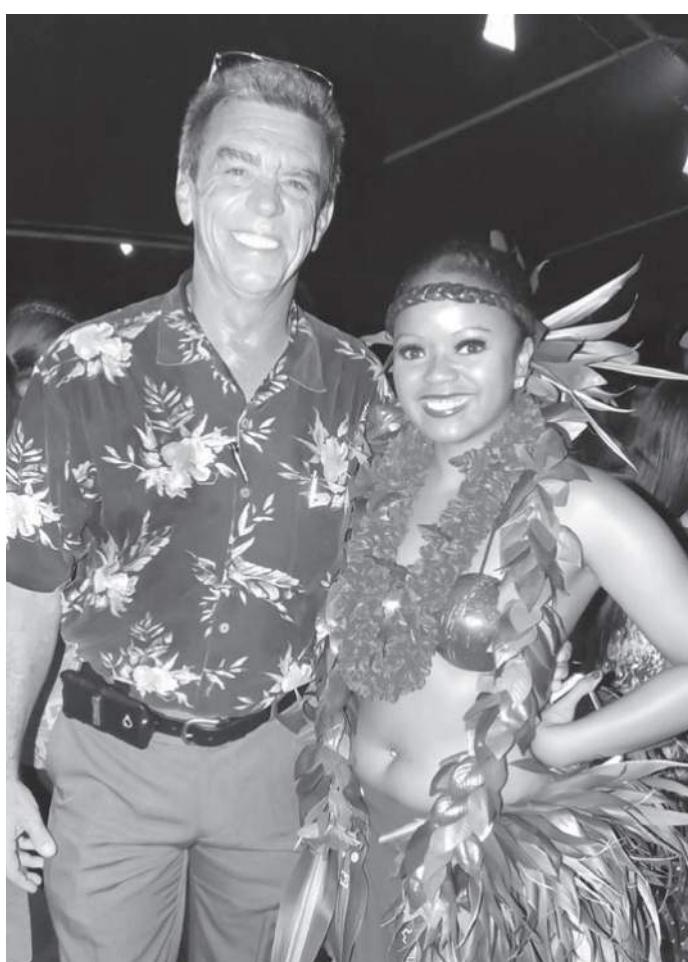
Student volunteers pose for a photo during Saturday's Club 200.



Red Cross officials and PHI Pharmacy staff pose for a photo.



Bank of Guam officials pose for a photo at the American Red Cross Club 200 held at Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.



Doug Brennan, left, and Nola Hix post for a photo during the American Red Cross' Club 200 luau-themed night.



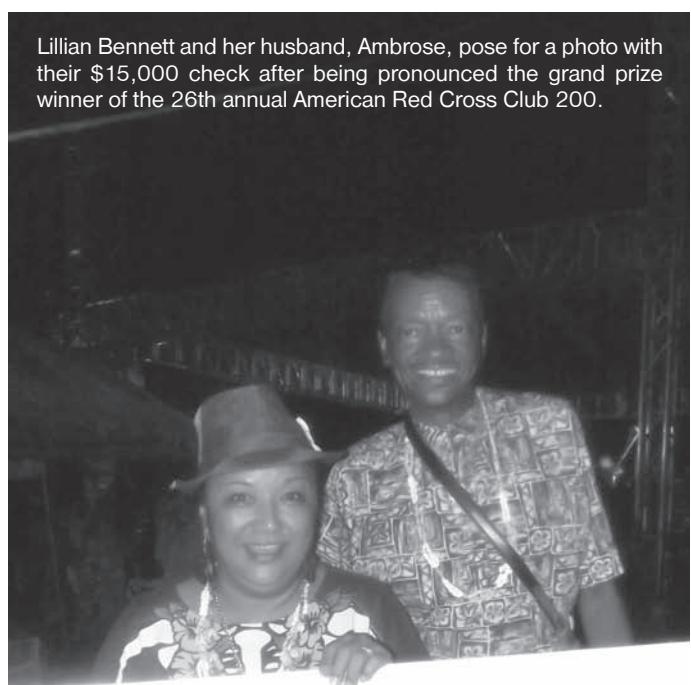
Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan joins other guests in celebrating the 26th annual American Red Cross Club 200 on Saturday night.



Guests enjoy food and entertainment during the weekend's Club 200.



Young teens at the Club 200 pose for a photo in their luau attire.



Lillian Bennett and her husband, Ambrose, pose for a photo with their \$15,000 check after being pronounced the grand prize winner of the 26th annual American Red Cross Club 200.



International Festival of Cultures Parade

Photos by
JAYSON CAMACHO



The CNMI's indigenous people proudly start the march for the Parade of Cultures.



The Palau cultural dance group Belau CAB dancers proudly shows off their culture.



Representatives of the Marshall Islands proudly march in their traditional wear.



Saipan Awaodori members dance for tourist and passersby as they march to the Paseo de Marianas.



Drummers and advance dancers of the Saipan Awaodori team.



Members of the Japanese Association of the CNMI chant and march during Saturday's parade.



Philippine community members present their flag and traditional wear.



Members of the Philippine contingent smile for the *Saipan Tribune*.



Bangladesh community members proudly show off their flag and culture.



Tahiti, Marquesas, and Cook Islands show their traditional wear as they march to the Paseo de Marianas.



A young boy from the Tahiti, Marquesas and Cook Islands contingent waves to the crowd.



Women representing the Tahiti culture look like they are having fun.



Tahitian men wearing traditional clothing carry fruits and coconuts.



The "Pearl of the Pacific" show off their colorful banner representing Samoa, Fiji, and Tonga.



Representatives of the local Chamorro and Carolinian cultures march to the Paseo in indigenous attire.



American Samoa, Fiji, and Tongan representatives march to the Paseo de Marianas.

Health & Fitness

Health officials: US well-equipped to stop Ebola

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration is seeking to allay fear about the single confirmed case of Ebola in the United States, saying that despite some initial missteps the health care system is doing what needs to be done to prevent an outbreak.

"Our health care infrastructure in the United States is well-equipped to stop Ebola in its tracks," said Dr. Anthony Fauci.

S I D E B A R

Ebola: How it spreads

WHEN IS EBOLA CONTAGIOUS?

Only when someone is showing symptoms, which can start with vague symptoms including a fever, flu-like body aches and abdominal pain, and then vomiting and diarrhea.

HOW DOES EBOLA SPREAD?

Through close contact with a symptomatic person's bodily fluids, such as blood, sweat, vomit, feces, urine, saliva or semen. Those fluids must have an entry point, like a cut or scrape or someone touching the nose, mouth or eyes with

contaminated hands, or being splashed. That's why health care workers wear protective gloves and other equipment.

WHAT ABOUT MORE CASUAL CONTACT?

Ebola isn't airborne. "If you sit next to someone on the bus, you're not exposed," said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"This is not like flu. It's not like measles, not like the common cold. It's not as spreadable, it's not as infectious as those conditions," he added.

WHO GETS TESTED

Barack Obama's top homeland security adviser.

Monaco said the U.S. was not considering a travel ban to prevent people from the hardest-hit West African countries from coming to the U.S. and said efforts were instead focused on identifying high-risk individuals before they leave the outbreak zone. Dozens and dozens of people have been stopped from getting on flights in the re-

gion, she said.

"The most effective way to go about controlling this is to prevent those individuals from getting on a plane in the first place," she said.

The first person diagnosed with Ebola in the nation went to a Dallas hospital last week but was mistakenly sent home, despite revealing he was visiting from Liberia, before returning by ambulance days later. Texas officials now are monitoring 50 people, 10 of

whom they consider at high risk, who came into contact with the man. They've had to quarantine four of them, and even had problems getting rid of the infectious waste left in the apartment where the patient stayed.

"There were things that did not go the way they should have in Dallas," acknowledged Fauci, director of NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "But there were a lot of things that went right

and are going right."

Health officials have said it's possible that someone who had close contact with that first patient after he became ill—the only time that Ebola is contagious—might also get sick. But they say further spread is unlikely because of the public health steps now underway.

"We respect your concern. We understand your concern. But the evidence base tells us that that is not going to happen," Fauci said.

Mother with womb transplant says risk paid off



AP

In this photo provided by the Lancet, the world's first baby born to a woman with a transplanted womb, is shown after his birth in Goteborg, Sweden.

LONDON (AP)—For the idea," she said.

The woman's mother had wanted to be a donor but wasn't a match. Instead, she received her new womb from a 61-year-old family friend, who had previously had two sons.

The womb donor is now baby Vincent's godmother and her two sons have also come to visit the family.

"She is an amazing person and she will always be in our lives," the mother said. "And she has a very special connection to my son."

Brannstrom said it was "a fantastic feeling" to know that his research had led to Vincent's birth.

The feat opens up a new but still experimental alternative for some of the thousands of women who are unable to have children because they lost a uterus to cancer or were born without one. Before this case proved the concept can work, some experts had questioned whether a transplanted womb could nourish a fetus.

Others have questioned

whether such an extreme step—expensive and fraught with medical risks—would be a realistic option for many women.

Dr. Glenn Schattman, past president of the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technologies and a Cornell University fertility specialist, said womb transplants are likely to remain very uncommon.

"This would not be done unless there were no other options," he said. "It requires a very long surgery and not without risk and complications."

For the proud parents, the years of research and experimentation were well worth the wait.

"It was a pretty tough journey over the years, but we now have the most amazing baby," the father said in a telephone interview. "He is very, very cute, and he doesn't even scream, he just murmurs."

He said he and his wife, both competitive athletes, were convinced the procedure would work, despite its experimental nature.

Personal Trainer

What time best for running?

A new study of human circadian rhythms—the body's 24-hour physiological clock—showed how the cycle affects runners.

Early morning



Body temperature low; muscles stiff; breathing inefficient; body fuel (glycogen) depleted



Mind alert, ready to face training challenges

Mid-morning



Breathing improving; daily hormonal peak (best time for building muscles)



Alertness, motivation still high

Noon, early afternoon



Muscle, breathing efficiency drop temporarily



Daily mental energy slump as blood sugar drops

Mid to late afternoon



Lung function peaks; body temperature high, making muscles flexible



Daily mental energy slump as blood sugar drops

Evening



Respiration, body temperature taper off slowly; energy drops



Mental fatigue can make motivation a problem

Life & Style

Nobel Prize in literature: Oh really? Or finally?

STOCKHOLM (AP)—It's soon time for the highbrow culture event of the year: the Nobel Prize in literature. But don't worry if you are left scratching your head when the winner is announced.

While the Swedish Academy sometimes picks well-known authors long lauded by critics, just as frequently it surprises the world with unknowns plucked from obscurity. The secretive academy drops no hints on who they are considering but Permanent Secretary Peter Englund said this year's long-list started with 210 nominees, including 36 first-timers.

The academy is expected to announce the winner on Thursday, but has not yet confirmed the date.

Here's a look at the potential surprises and the old-time favorites:

POTENTIAL SURPRISES

Even literary critics were taken aback by announcements of winners such as Austria's Elfriede Jelinek in 2004, who was largely unknown outside the German-speaking world at the time, French writer Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio in 2008 and Chinese novelist Mo Yan in 2012.

Part of the reason for this is that the academy aims to include literature from all the world's corners in their considerations, even those not widely translated into English. They also seek to award poets, playwrights and other types of writers. Who could surprise this year? Check out: Norwegian playwright Jon Fosse, Belarusian investigative journalist and author Svetlana Alexievich or Croatian novelist and essayist Dubravka Ugresic. Other writers that may have caught the attention of the academy are Finnish author Sofi Oksanen, Nigerian writer Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Jamaica Kincaid of Antigua, according to Maria Schottenius, a critic at Swedish daily Dagens Nyheter.

ESTABLISHED AUTHORS

The academy works off of a constantly evolving list of candidates, and sometimes a big name resurfaces again and again. While some may have been overlooked early in their careers, widely known authors such as Britain's Doris Lessing, Peru's Mario Vargas Llosa and Canada's Alice Munro eventually did walk off with the coveted prize. Among the

frequently mentioned candidates who are still waiting are: Czech author Milan Kundera, Albanian writer Ismail Kadare, Algerian novelist Assia Djebbar and South Korean poet Ko Un. Swedish literature critics have also suggested Israeli writers Amos Oz and David Grossman, as well as Americans Richard Ford and Philip Roth.

BETTORS' FAVORITES

Kenyan writer Ngugi wa Thiong'o and Japanese author Haruki Murakami frequently top bettors' lists ahead of the announcement. While Thiong'o may indeed be a strong candidate, Murakami's position in the rankings is probably more a reflection of the fact that he is widely read, says Elise Karlsson, a critic at Swedish daily Svenska Dagbladet. Although the academy has stepped up efforts to prevent leaks before the announcement, the winner is still sometimes among those getting the most attention by bettors.

On Saturday, Murakami was the favorite to win at betting firm Ladbrokes, followed by Djebbar, Kadare and Syrian-born poet Adonis, pen name for Ali Ahmed Said.

Spread of Ebola infection has news groups looking at risks

NEW YORK (AP)—For media covering the spread of Ebola in West Africa, the infection of a cameraman who works for NBC offers both a reason to emphasize precaution and to continue to bear witness.

The New York Times' approach is emblematic of many news organizations: "We want to figure out a way to have maximum protection for people involved in the coverage and also to continue the coverage," said Joseph Kahn, the newspaper's international editor.

Other than NBC, no news outlet has publicly cited Ashoka Mukpo's infection as the impetus for removing personnel from Liberia, where the freelance cameraman had been

covering the disease's rapid spread and the strains it placed on its health care system. CNN announced Friday that it was sending reporter Nima Elbagir to that country this weekend and Sanjay Gupta, its most visible medical correspondent, said he's lobbying his bosses to send him there.

Mukpo, who previously covered Ebola for several news outlets, began working for NBC on Tuesday and fell ill the next day. NBC said Friday it was concentrating on how to get him and his colleagues out of the country before discussing future coverage plans. He was working with medical correspondent Dr. Nancy Snyderman, who said she and others with NBC feel fine, though the network ordered them to return to the United States and quarantine themselves until any danger has passed.

The "Today" show interviewed Snyderman Friday via phone because the camera gear that NBC used in Liberia was being disinfected.

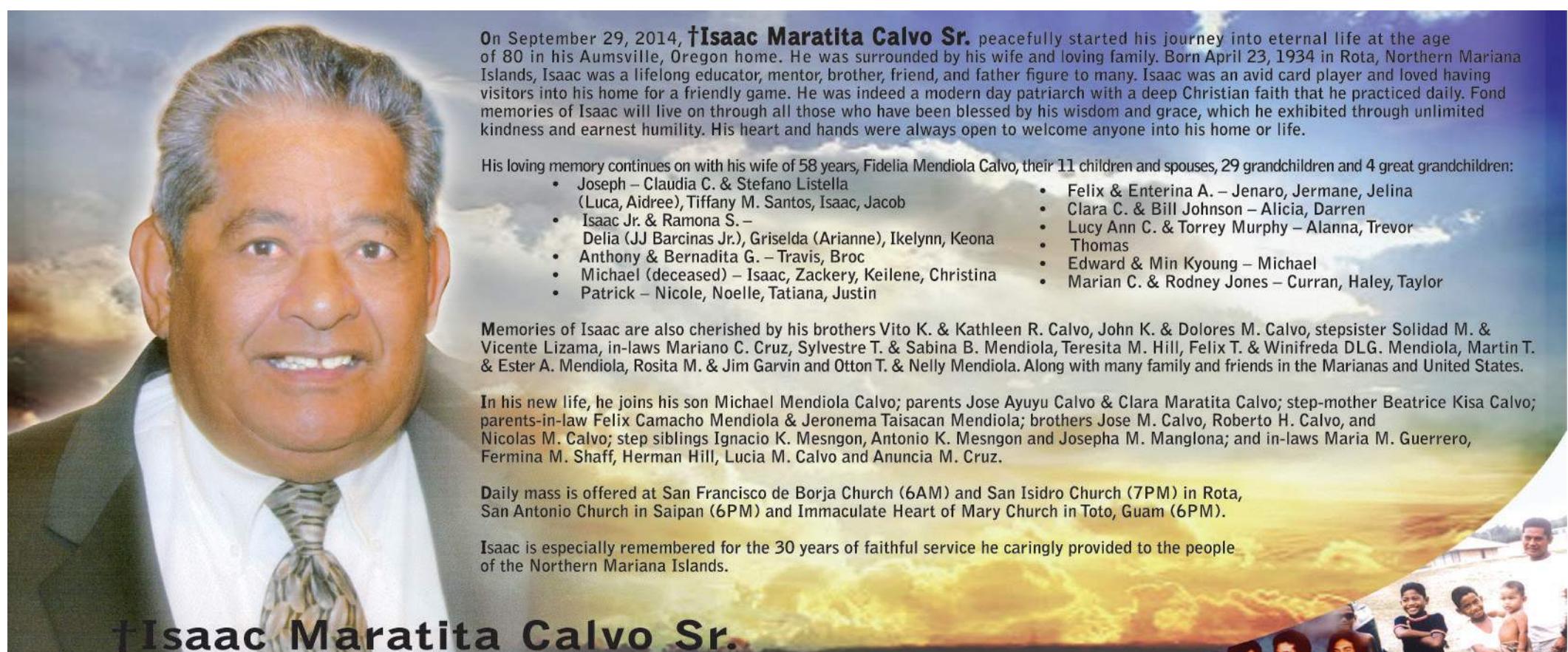
"While we are being hyper vigilant, we are at very, very, very low risk of becoming ill," Snyderman said.

In addition to NBC, Mukpo has covered the epidemic for Al Jazeera and Vice News, which said he shot footage for the organization's documentary about Liberia, "The Fight

Against Ebola." CBS News, which hasn't sent its own reporters to Liberia, said Friday it had used some of Mukpo's work to illustrate a story.

The risks to journalists were evident during the Vice documentary, when correspondent Danny Gold and his camera operator—not Mukpo—debated interviewing some Ebola-infected people who were having trouble finding health care facilities to treat them. "What's your vibe?" Gold asked his colleague. They decided not to conduct the interview.

The Associated Press has used a team of journalists to cover the story, including AP reporters Krista Larson and Jonathan Paye-Layleh, photographers Jerome Delay and Abbas Dulleh, video producer Andrew Drake and TV contributor Wade Williams. The journalists eat all meals in their hotel, and wash their shoes with a mixture of bleach and water when they return from reporting. They don't take cabs or rides with drivers they don't know.



On September 29, 2014, Isaac Maratita Calvo Sr. peacefully started his journey into eternal life at the age of 80 in his Aumsville, Oregon home. He was surrounded by his wife and loving family. Born April 23, 1934 in Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, Isaac was a lifelong educator, mentor, brother, friend, and father figure to many. Isaac was an avid card player and loved having visitors into his home for a friendly game. He was indeed a modern day patriarch with a deep Christian faith that he practiced daily. Fond memories of Isaac will live on through all those who have been blessed by his wisdom and grace, which he exhibited through unlimited kindness and earnest humility. His heart and hands were always open to welcome anyone into his home or life.

His loving memory continues on with his wife of 58 years, Fidelia Mendiola Calvo, their 11 children and spouses, 29 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren:

- Joseph – Claudia C. & Stefano Listella (Luca, Aidree), Tiffany M. Santos, Isaac, Jacob
- Isaac Jr. & Ramona S. – Delia (JJ Barcina Jr.), Griselda (Arianne), Ikelynn, Keona
- Anthony & Bernadita G. – Travis, Broc
- Michael (deceased) – Isaac, Zackery, Keilene, Christina
- Patrick – Nicole, Noelle, Tatiana, Justin
- Felix & Enterina A. – Jenaro, Jermene, Jelina
- Clara C. & Bill Johnson – Alicia, Darren
- Lucy Ann C. & Torrey Murphy – Alanna, Trevor
- Thomas
- Edward & Min Kyoung – Michael
- Marian C. & Rodney Jones – Curran, Haley, Taylor

Memories of Isaac are also cherished by his brothers Vito K. & Kathleen R. Calvo, John K. & Dolores M. Calvo, stepsister Solidad M. & Vicente Lizama, in-laws Mariano C. Cruz, Sylvestre T. & Sabina B. Mendiola, Teresita M. Hill, Felix T. & Winifreda DLG. Mendiola, Martin T. & Ester A. Mendiola, Rosita M. & Jim Garvin and Otton T. & Nelly Mendiola. Along with many family and friends in the Marianas and United States.

In his new life, he joins his son Michael Mendiola Calvo; parents Jose Ayuyu Calvo & Clara Maratita Calvo; step-mother Beatrice Kisa Calvo; parents-in-law Felix Camacho Mendiola & Jeronema Taisacan Mendiola; brothers Jose M. Calvo, Roberto H. Calvo, and Nicolas M. Calvo; step-siblings Ignacio K. Mesngon, Antonio K. Mesngon and Josepha M. Manglona; and in-laws Maria M. Guerrero, Fermina M. Shaff, Herman Hill, Lucia M. Calvo and Anuncia M. Cruz.

Daily mass is offered at San Francisco de Borja Church (6AM) and San Isidro Church (7PM) in Rota, San Antonio Church in Saipan (6PM) and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Toto, Guam (6PM).

Isaac is especially remembered for the 30 years of faithful service he caringly provided to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands.

† Isaac Maratita Calvo Sr.
April 23, 1934 - September 29, 2014



Viewing of Isaac M. Calvo will be held on Tuesday October 7 from 1PM to 6PM at the Weddle Funeral Home, 1777 N. Third Ave., Stayton, Oregon. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Wednesday October 8 at 1PM at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1077 N. Sixth Ave., Stayton, Oregon, with burial immediately following. The family extends an invitation to celebrate Isaac's new life at a reception at his residence in Aumsville after the services.

Cards/letters/contributions may be mailed to his family at P.O. Box 317, Aumsville, OR 97325. It is also his wish that contributions be made to the Catholic Church, the CNMI Public School System, Northern Marianas College or Mt. Carmel School in his honor. On behalf of the family, we thank you for your loving thoughts and prayers.

'The Judge' a family affair for Robert Downey Jr.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. thinks courtrooms are dull.

That didn't stop the "The Avengers" leading man from landing on "The Judge" as the inaugural film from his production company Team Downey, which he formed with his wife, Susan. Other than the 2010 buddy comedy "Due Date," the legal family drama marks Downey's first movie in five years that doesn't star the 49-year-old actor as either Iron Man or Sherlock Holmes.

In the film, conceived of and directed by "Wedding Crash-

ers" filmmaker David Dobkin, Downey plays a Chicago lawyer who returns to his small Indiana hometown to attend his mother's funeral. While there, Downey's stubborn motor-mouth becomes enmeshed in a criminal case involving his more stubborn father, the town's judge, portrayed by Robert Duvall.

"I've done lawyers before and it's like, 'Dude, really? Courtrooms? So boring,'" Downey recently acknowledged over a cup of coffee. "The idea David (Dobkin) had was that a lawyer would be able to get his father—when he's sworn in—to tell the truth. How could you not take

advantage of that, with his life on the line and all the stuff that's happened between them?"

After saving the world as Tony Stark in four Marvel films, Downey said he wasn't necessarily looking to make the 180-degree turn that he does in "The Judge," out next Friday. (Besides, Iron Man will be back in next year's "Avengers" installment.) Downey and Susan, a longtime producer he first met on the set of the 2003 thriller "Gothika," were merely drawn to the story.

"I think we're a good partnership," he said. "She works really closely with the director, as do I, obviously. She's really smart,

pretty and calm—for the most part. That's just a winning combination. I've seen this before

with directors who have partners that produce. You just see this symbiosis between them,

and you go, 'Oh, I get why they do this together.'"

Dobkin, known for goofy comedies like "Fred Claus" and "The Change-Up," always envisioned Downey in the role.

"The first week this story came to me, I started writing it, and I first thought of Robert," said Dobkin, who was initially inspired by the loss of his own mother. "When I brought (screenwriter) Nick Schenk on, I told him this was for Robert. Everyone wrote toward Robert, and then obviously Robert got involved and wrote toward Robert. The movie was always going to be him."

While the Downeys, according to Downey, bear no resemblance to the Palmers in "The Judge," life still managed to imitate art. Downey's mother died Sept. 22. ("Life on life's terms," he said of having to promote the film soon after her death.) The once out-of-control actor recalled in a Facebook tribute last week how his "ball buster" mom inspired him to quit drugs.

In a more upbeat example of "The Judge" mirroring his own life, Downey plays father to a spunky daughter in the film. Downey and his wife are expecting their second child, a daughter, next month. Their son, Exton, is 2 years old, while Downey's first son, Indio, is 21. When asked about the impending arrival of his first-ever daughter, Downey seemed undeterred.

"The closer you get to having a kid, the less daunting it becomes because you're just like, 'OK. I can't take the suspense anymore. I've got to see her,'" said Downey. "And a lot of it is just what's been going on for eons, which is you see something that is completely helpless without you, and you show up."



AP
In this Sept. 4, 2014 file photo, actor Robert Downey Jr. and wife producer Susan Downey arrive at the opening night gala premiere of "The Judge" during the 2014 Toronto International Film Festival, in Toronto.

Carol Burnett gets Jimmy Stewart museum award

BLAIRSTVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Actress and comedian Carol Burnett was honored by a Pennsylvania museum dedicated to actor Jimmy Stewart, a Hollywood star she was smitten with as a toddler during a trip to the movies with her grandmother in San Antonio, Texas.

"I saw this long, tall drink of water up there in black and white and I said, 'He's my friend. I know him,'" Burnett told The Associated Press before receiving the award. "And it came to pass."

Burnett received the museum's Harvey Award at a Friday night fundraiser for the James M. Stewart Museum Foundation, based in the actor's Pennsylvania hometown of Indiana, about 45 miles northeast of Pittsburgh. The banquet was a few miles away in Blairsville.

Past winners include actors Janet Leigh, Shirley Jones, Ernest Borgnine and Rich Little, the comedian and impressionist known for his stammering imitation of Stewart. The award is named for the 1950 film in which Stewart befriends an invisible rabbit. It is typically given to someone with entertainment industry connections to Stewart.

Burnett, 81, has fewer professional connections with Stewart than most past winners, nearly all of whom have worked with him professionally, but perhaps no past winner has a deeper emotional connection.

Burnett has called Stewart her idol. "I have talked about him, I have worshipped him," Burnett told the audience at the final episode of "The Carol Burnett Show" on March 29, 1978, ending an 11-year run on CBS, on which Stewart made a surprise appearance.

"They hid him in the dressing room from me," Burnett told The Associated Press on Friday, leaving her all but speechless when he stepped on stage that night.

"I just love Jimmy Stewart," Burnett said, remembering that trip to the movies, but not the name of the film. "It was the late

'30s and in a nightclub setting. I know I was 3 or 4 because my feet couldn't touch the floor from my seat. I just remember I fell in love with that man."

Burnett grew up intending to be a writer, but switched to drama at UCLA and moved to New York, landing a role in 1955 as the ventriloquist dummy's girlfriend on "The Paul Winchell and Jerry Mahoney Show." (Mahoney was the dummy Winchell voiced.)

Her career took off with critical acclaim for her work in "Once Upon a Mattress" on Broadway and as a regular on "The Garry Moore Show," a variety program hosted by her eventual second husband, both in 1959.

A year earlier, she got to meet Stewart—sort of—during a visit to his movie set of "The FBI Story" in 1958. A director at Warner Brothers had asked to meet with her about a project, and she was to meet him for lunch. When she

"He was just so kind and we had a good, terrific rapport," she said.



AP
Carol Burnett, arrives at the Chestnut Ridge Resort for a banquet to receive the 2014 Harvey Award presented by the Jimmy Stewart Museum, Friday, Oct. 3, 2014, in Blairsville, Pa.

'Orange is the New Black' author talks Season 3

LOWELL, Mass. (AP) — The woman whose best-selling prison memoir has been adapted into the "Orange is the New Black" Netflix series is sharing her insight into the upcoming Season 3, saying it "holds some really amazing stories and twists and turns."

Piper Kerman said the upcoming season will feature backstories for some of the characters and the emergence of very intriguing new characters.

The show, created by Jenji Kohan, is about a woman serving time in a federal prison for carrying a suitcase stuffed with drug money to her ex-girlfriend. Kerman said shooting for its third season is more than halfway through but she can't offer spoilers or a release date.

Kerman is a consultant on the show, reading scripts and offering her advice on how to make it realistic. But she did not offer any inside scoop on when Season 3 will be available and laughed Tuesday night when

asked if V, one of the show's main antagonists last season, is still alive.

"One of the things that Jenji Kohan has said about Season 3 already on record is that an exploration of faith is a big part of what she is planning and what they have scripted so far," Kerman said before addressing more than 400 students, faculty members and fans at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell.

Kerman also commented on a book deal signed by her former lover and friend Cleary Wolters, whose involvement in drug trafficking led to her imprisonment.

"I expect that my ex-lover's book will be a fascinating read," Kerman said. "She's had a very different life, and her story is very different from mine. For one thing, she was much more involved in narcotics trafficking, and for the other thing she served a lot more time in prison than I did."

Although Kerman has done

very well for herself thanks to her memoir and its adaptation into a hit Netflix series, she said she would change her story in a heartbeat if she could go back to when it all began, in 1993, when she was 22 years old.

"I absolutely regret my crime," said Kerman, an advocate for reforms of the criminal justice system. "I think that while I'm so grateful to have found readers and I'm thrilled with the Netflix show, the truth of the matter is that prison is a deeply traumatic experience."

Kerman spent 13 months in a federal minimum-security prison in Danbury, Connecticut, just over a decade ago for her role in a money laundering and drug trafficking ring.

"The truth is that I caused my family and the people that love me most a great deal of pain and worry," she said. "And the other fundamental truth is my actions caused other harm in terms of other people's substance abuse and addiction."

Charlie Sheen sued over incident at dentist



In this April 11, 2013 file photo, Charlie Sheen, a cast member in "Scary Movie V," poses at the Los Angeles premiere of the film at the Cinerama Dome in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A dental technician who says Charlie Sheen punched her in the chest during an office visit is suing the actor for assault and battery.

Margarita Palestino filed the lawsuit Friday in Los Angeles seeking unspecified damages from the "Anger Management" star. Her lawsuit accuses Sheen of attacking her during a dental appointment on Sept. 25, including punching her in the chest and grabbing her bra.

Los Angeles police said Thursday that they have an ac-

tive investigation into the incident, but could not release further details.

Sheen's publicist Jeff Ballard referred calls Friday to the actor's attorney, Marty Singer, who was not available for comment Friday afternoon.

Sheen had an adverse reaction to the combination of nitrous oxide and pain medication he was taking for a shoulder injury and that Sheen knocked over dental instruments, Ballard said Thursday. But other elements of the woman's story were not true, Ballard said.

AP

In this Sept. 19, 2014 file photo, Taylor Swift arrives at the iHeart Radio Music Festival in Las Vegas.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Keanu Reeves has obtained a temporary restraining order against a woman who was detained after trespassing at the actor's home last month.

The order issued Thursday re-

Taylor Swift to coach on 'The Voice'



NEW YORK (AP)—Taylor Swift has plenty of her own hits, and now she'll be advising young singers on "The Voice" how to do it themselves.

The NBC competition show said Friday that the "Shake It Off" singer is serving as a mentor to competitors later this month. She'll make her first appearance on Oct. 27, giving her some prime-time exposure on the day that her new album is scheduled to be released.

On three shows, Swift will advise contestants on vocal technique, stage presence and picking the right songs to fit their strengths.

There's no word on whether Swift will appear after the Nov. 3 show.

AP
In this Sept. 19, 2014 file photo, Taylor Swift arrives at the iHeart Radio Music Festival in Las Vegas.

Reeves gets restraining order against trespasser

quires 50-year-old Kerry Raus to stay away from Reeves and his Los Angeles home.

Court filings state Raus was taken into custody on Sept. 15 after she was found at Reeves' home after she had swam in his pool and

taken a shower in his house. The filings state Raus has been placed in a psychiatric facility.

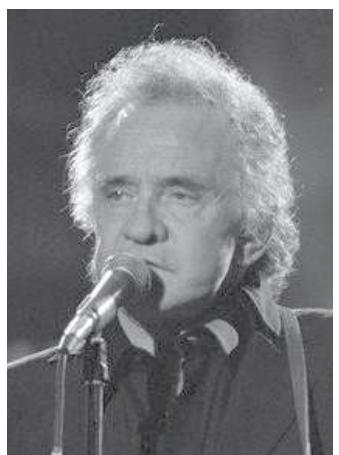
"The Matrix" star wrote in a sworn declaration that he does not know Raus and he is concerned about his safety if she is

released.

A hearing to extend the restraining order is scheduled for Oct. 22.

The order was first reported Friday by celebrity website TMZ.

California officials unveil 'Johnny Cash Trail'



SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—The city of Folsom has completed the first section of the "Johnny Cash Trail" that will pay tribute to the country music icon and his 1968 album "At Folsom Prison."

City officials unveiled the first section of the 2.5-mile trail

AP
In this Sept. 2, 1995 file photo, Johnny Cash performs during his segment of the Concert for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

on Saturday—a pedestrian and bike bridge designed to echo Folsom State Prison's east gate guard towers, according to the Sacramento Bee (<http://bit.ly/1rbBHsD>).

The trail will traverse prison property and link to area trails.

The newspaper reports that the city is planning a \$3 million fundraising drive to pay for a 2-acre park next to the bridge and art installations along the trail—including a 40-foot steel statue of Cash.



AP
In this June 14, 2014 file photo, Keanu Reeves waves at the screening of the film "Side by Side" during the Champs-Elysées Film Festival, in Paris.

Office trainer seeks right way to dress-down code violators

DEAR ABBY: I am a male in the training department at my office. A lot of times, because the people I train are new hires, there are dress code violations from people who appear to be testing the limits. Most of the violations involve women who wear clothing that's too revealing, in spite of the fact they receive a document at the start of training explaining what is and is not appropriate attire.

I feel uncomfortable addressing dress code issues with the opposite sex. I have always asked a female in the department to do it for me. My problem is, my manager has told me I need to be able to deal with issues like this if I want to move forward in my career.

My question to you and your readers is, as a woman, would you feel more uncomfortable with a male boss addressing a "too much cleavage" or "skirt too short" issue than you would with another female? And have you any suggestions for wording in these situations?

DRESSED FOR SUCCESS IN VIRGINIA

DEAR DRESSED FOR SUCCESS: Speaking for myself, I think I'd prefer to hear that message from another woman—however, MY preference is beside the point. You have a job to do, and that is to enforce the rules of your company. So

when you tell a female employee that she's not complying with the dress code, use the wording in the employee handbook or the document the person received when she was hired. (Hopefully, the wording is specific.)

DEAR ABBY: I have a question about where and when to have a retirement party. I know it's inappropriate for families to host a baby shower, but is that true of a retirement party?

My husband has worked for a nonprofit for 14 years and will retire in a few months. There isn't an appropriate site for a party at his work. I have suggested an open house at our home a couple of weeks after his retirement date. My daughter thinks her house would be better because we are not supposed to have it.

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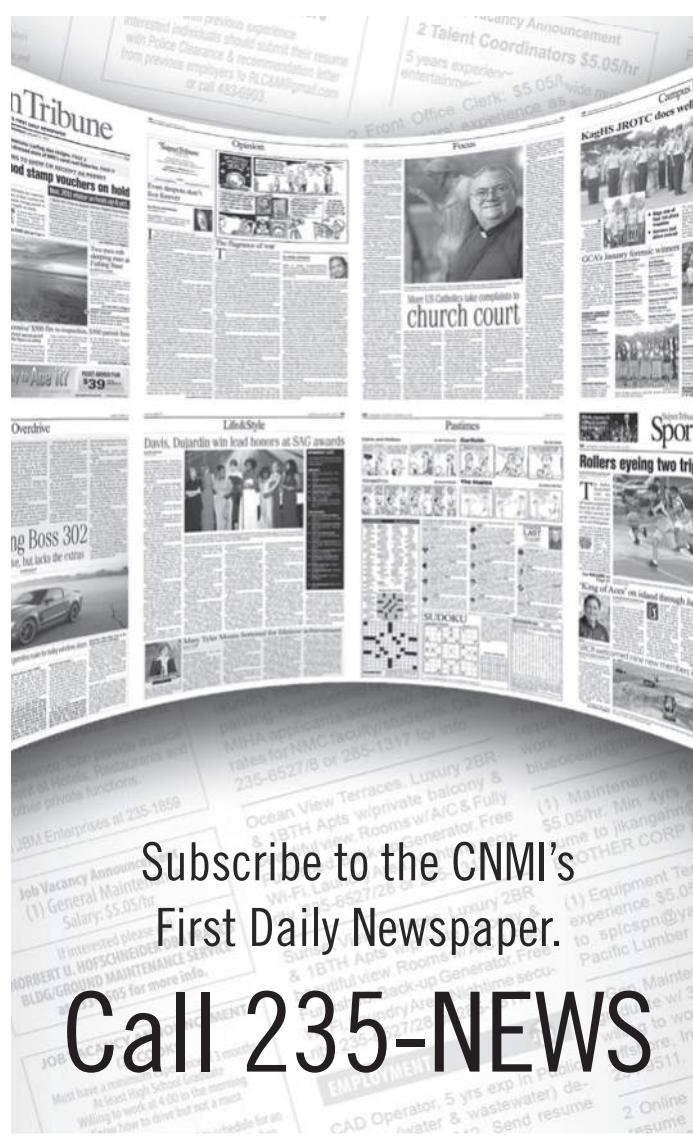
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Giants take 2-0 lead in NLDS vs Nationals

WASHINGTON (AP)—Brandon Belt, Yusmeiro Petit and the rest of the San Francisco Giants did what they do so well in October: They never give in, never give up, and win. Simple as that. No matter what it takes—or how long.

Even 18 innings.

On and on and on the Giants and Nationals played Saturday, from afternoon until just past midnight, when Belt's homer off Tanner Roark leading off the 18th lifted San Francisco to its 10th consecutive postseason victory, edging Washington 2-1 for a 2-0 lead in their NL Division Series.

"That's how we do it. On paper, it might not be the flashiest thing, compared to a lot of teams. But I like this group against anybody in baseball," said Tim Hudson, who started for the Giants and went 7 1-3 innings, leaving hours before the game ended. "Who'd have thought we'd have came here and won the first two? Everybody in America probably didn't think we had a shot. But everybody in this locker room knew that we did."

The teams tied the mark for most innings in a postseason game and set a time record at 6 hours, 23 minutes. They combined to use 17 pitchers and 24 position players.

"After a while," Giants rookie Joe Panik said, "every inning just kind of ran into the next."

Said Craig Stammen, one of eight relievers used by the Nationals after starter Jordan Zimmerman was yanked while ahead 1-0 with two outs in the ninth after walking Panik: "The two worst things in baseball are boredom and frustration, and we were battling both of those tonight."

Somehow, Washington was shut out for 15 innings after Anthony Rendon's RBI single in the third.

The Giants can close out the best-of-five NLDS at home Monday in Game 3, with Madison Bumgarner—who tossed a shutout against Pittsburgh in the wild-card game—facing Doug Fister.

"I'm sure it's going to be a quiet flight," said Zimmerman, who threw a no-hitter in the regular-season finale, then allowed only three singles Saturday.

Could be quite a sudden end to 2014 for the Nationals, who won the NL East and led the league with 96 wins. But after a pair of one-run losses, they're looking as if they're the latest team that can't figure out how to get past San Francisco.

Down to their final out Saturday, the Giants tied it in the ninth on Pablo Sandoval's RBI double off Drew Storen—the closer who blew a two-out ninth-inning lead in Game 5 of the 2012 NLDS against St. Louis.



Washington Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos (40) tags out San Francisco Giants' Buster Posey during the ninth inning in Game 2 of baseball's NL Division Series in Nationals Park, Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014, in Washington. AP

brera ejected in the 10th after arguing a called third strike.

Cabrera slammed his bat and helmet to the ground, then began yelling at home umpire Vic Carapazza, getting right in his face. That got Cabrera tossed. Williams pushed his player out of the way and also got kicked out. Fans began booing ball-and-strike calls; they cheered when a foul ball ricocheted off the screen behind the plate and hit Carapazza in the 18th.

Williams was asked afterward about the decision to lift Zimmerman, who retired 20 batters in a row until walking Panik—after the rookie launched a deep fly that barely sailed foul.

"Why did we decide to take him out? Because if he got in trouble in the ninth or got a baserunner, we were going to bring our closer in," Williams said. "That is what we have done all year."

Storen gave up a single to 2012 NL MVP Buster Posey, then the double to Sandoval that made it 1-all. Posey tried to score on the play, but shortstop Ian Desmond's one-hop relay was in time for catcher Wilson Ramos to tag Posey. After a 2 1/2-minute delay when Bochy asked for a replay review, Posey was ruled out.

Petit entered in the 12th and threw six scoreless innings, allowing one hit and striking out seven, to earn the win.

"I was trying to get as much as I could out of him," manager Bruce Bochy said.

Hunter Strickland got the save with a scoreless 18th.

By then, the temperature was in the low 50s; the Nationals used a hot-air blower in their dugout.

Roark came on in the 17th.

An inning later, he threw a 94 mph fastball on a full count to Belt, who missed 96 games this season because of a broken thumb and concussion and was 0 for 6 Saturday until that at-bat. When he drove the ball into the second deck beyond right field, Belt dropped his bat and admired the shot as the Nationals Park crowd fell silent. When Belt got to the dugout, teammates slapped him on his head.

"I just wanted to get on base

for the guys behind me—'Get 'em on, get 'em over and get 'em in.' Fortunately, I put a good enough swing on it," Belt said.

Only one other postseason game in baseball history lasted 18 innings—when the Astros beat the Braves in a 2005 NLDS game that Hudson started for Atlanta. That one held the previous record for most time, at 5:50.

Bochy's Giants, who won the 2010 and 2012 World Series,

were built to win this sort of marathon.

"They are relentless. They don't quit," Bochy said. "We had our hands full tonight."

In sum, San Francisco stays calm and collected. More than could be said for Washington, which had three of its best hitters—Denard Span, Adam LaRoche and Bryce Harper—go a combined 0 for 21, and had manager Matt Williams and second baseman Asdrubal Ca-

SIDE BAR

Kemp's HR lifts Dodgers over Cards, series tied at 1

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Matt Kemp skipped down the first base line, watching his drive fly while calling out to the ball, trying to coax it to stay fair.

Once it sailed inside the foul pole and landed in the lower left field seats, he had salvaged a victory for the Los Angeles Dodgers after their bullpen almost gave it away.

Kemp hit a go-ahead home run leading off the eighth inning, lifting the Dodgers to a 3-2 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday night and evening their NL Division Series at a game apiece.

"This was big for us," he said. "I feel like we definitely do have the momentum. We got continue to go, though."

The crowd of 54,599 erupted in cheers as Kemp rounded the bases. Bubbles percolated into the hot night air from a machine in the dugout the Dodgers turn on to celebrate homers.

"It seemed like a mistake pitch to Matt and he's been hot, as everyone knows, and that was exciting," Dodgers starter Zack Greinke said.

No one looked happier greeting Kemp in the dugout than a

once-distraught J.P. Howell, who had served up a tying, two-run homer to Matt Carpenter in the top of the inning after relieving Greinke. Kemp hugged Howell, who pointed skyward in relief.

"It was incredible, man," Howell said. "To me it was almost religious because I was praying so hard and it happened pretty quickly. I was pretty thankful."

Kemp connected against Pat Neshek for his fifth hit in the best-of-five series.

"He tried to get me with a couple of sliders," Kemp said. "I laid off some tough ones that were close on the plate, but he left one just out on the plate that I could do something with and I put a good swing on it."

Game 3 is Monday night in St. Louis, with John Lackey starting for the Cardinals against Hyun-Jin Ryu of the Dodgers.

"It was there for us and we let it slip away," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said.

Brandon League got his first career postseason win with a scoreless inning of relief. Kenley Jansen retired the side,

striking out two, in the ninth to earn the save.

"Now we just got to get our rest in and try to beat the Cardinals at their place, just like they did here in the first game," Jansen said. "Got to go there and steal one."

Greinke pitched two-hit ball over seven scoreless innings a night after ace Clayton Kershaw gave up Carpenter's go-ahead three-run double in the seventh that helped the Cardinals win 10-9.

The low-key Greinke, who has pitched in Kershaw's shadow the last few years, tried not to put any extra pressure on himself to deliver a win.

"Any time personally I try to do more than I feel I'm capable of, it backfires," he said. "My game plan is always to try to lower my expectations and not try to do too much."

Greinke belatedly took the mound in the eighth after his teammates had already taken their positions. Manager Don Mattingly came out to get him, and Greinke left to a standing ovation.

"We're seeing two teams that don't really want to go

home and that are fighting for every game and every out and every pitch," Mattingly said.

"It's what everybody wants to see at this time of year."

Howell took over and promptly gave up a single to pinch-hitter Oscar Tavares before Carpenter tied it at 2. Carpenter is 4 for 8 in the series, with two homers, two doubles and six RBIs.

"I'm just trying to be aggressive," Carpenter said. "I'm getting some good pitches to hit, putting some good swings on it. I don't think there's any rhyme or reason to it."

Greinke struck out seven, walked two and didn't allow a runner past second base. He didn't give up a hit until the fifth, when Kolten Wong doubled down the right-field line before Greinke struck out the next two batters to end the inning.

Greinke was pretty nifty at the plate, too. He went 2 for 3 for his first career postseason multihit game, and even slid headfirst into third on Dee Gordon's single in the fifth that eluded Wong's dive at second base.

"It's really important field-

ing your position and hitting, not being an absolute out," Greinke said.

Cardinals starter Lance Lynn gave up two runs and seven hits in six innings, struck out eight and walked two.

The Dodgers took a 2-0 lead in the third. Gordon's groundout to second base scored A.J. Ellis, who doubled leading off for his fifth hit of the series. Adrian Gonzalez's two-out RBI single made it 2-0, with Greinke scoring from second.

Mattingly had earlier challenged a call that Greinke was tagged out going to second. After a review, the umpires ruled him safe when Wong tagged Greinke with his empty glove after Wong had already moved the ball to his throwing hand to try for a double play.

The teams that share a combustible history in the playoffs were under control, even after Greinke hit Cardinals center fielder Jon Jay with a pitch in the first inning. Unlike a night earlier, when Yasiel Puig's plunking by Adam Wainwright triggered a benches-clearing scrum, everyone stayed put in their dugouts.

Sixers trio of lottery picks key to future success



PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Brett Brown's best call of the offseason had the Philadelphia 76ers reaching for their passports instead of the playbook.

The 76ers coach made the pitch to team president Sam Hinkie that they should ask their trio of hopeful future stars to join them at the FIBA World Cup in Spain to watch Croatian draft pick Dario Saric play in the tournament.

It would be a show of support for a franchise in desperate need of good publicity.

So Joel Embiid, Michael Carter Williams and Nerlens Noel packed their bags and off they went to Spain, cornerstones of the woebegone franchise bonding through basketball and rooting on a future teammate. And Brown and Hinkie tagged along for the ride.

"You haven't lived until you've walked through Spain with two 7-footers through an airport," Hinkie said.

Hinkie wouldn't mind if they one day led the way on a championship parade route.

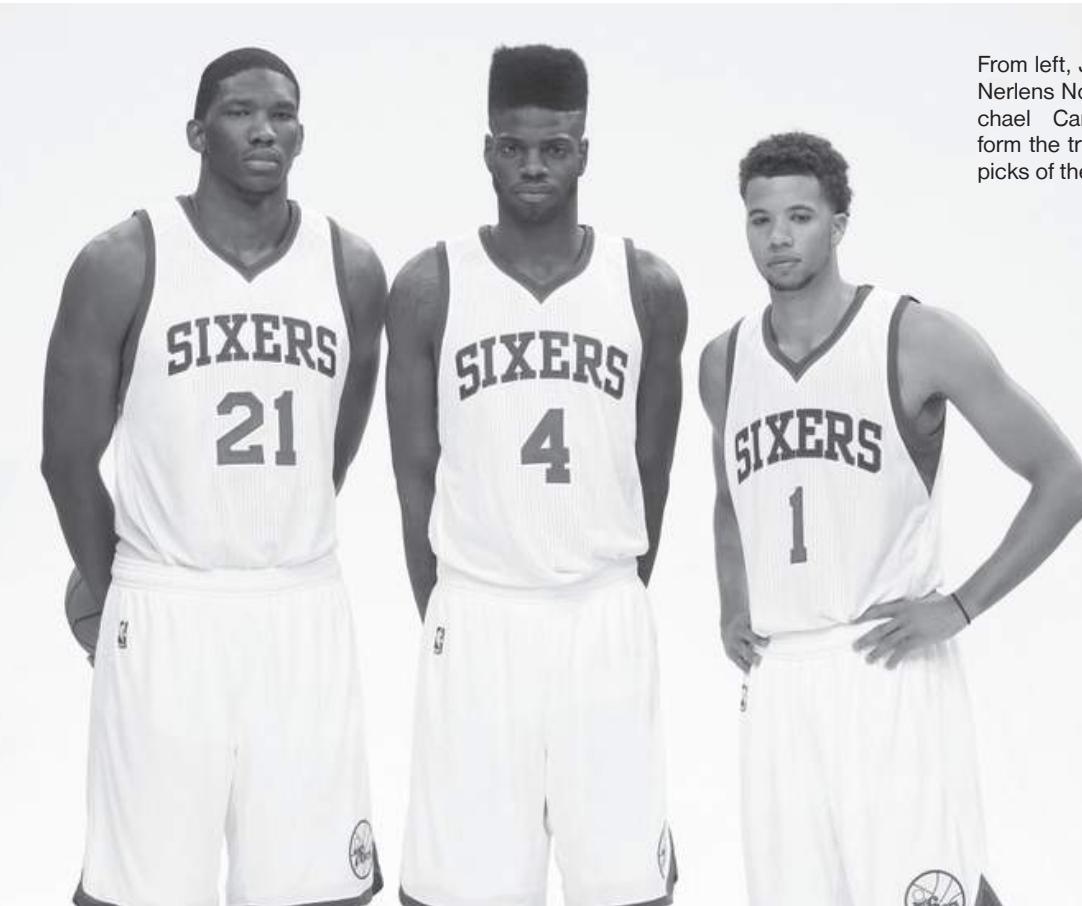
The trio of lottery picks wanted to make a statement that the franchise has Saric's back.

"That's how you build a family," Embiid said.

Could it be, the 76ers with their own version of the Big 3, driving, dishing and dunking their way toward Eastern Conference supremacy?

In Hinkie's world, some combo of those three, plus Saric, are the players behind the wheel in Philly's drive toward respectability.

Noel was the sixth pick and Carter-Williams, the NBA rookie of the year, was the 11th pick of the 2013 draft. Embiid was third and Saric was picked 10th in the 2014 draft.



AP
From left, Joel Embiid, Nerlens Noel, and Michael Carter-Williams form the trio of lottery picks of the Sixers.

Noel and Carter-Williams are the only ones of the four guaranteed to play this season. Embiid is out indefinitely with a broken right foot and Saric is locked into a multi-year deal overseas.

"I wish we had a more credentialed roster," Brown said, "but we don't."

Noel, who said he could have played by the end of the regular season, made his debut in the summer league and left with "100 percent" trust in his knee. He sat out last season with a torn ACL.

Embiid, the 7-footer out of Kansas, already asked Noel for advice on how to handle a lost season.

"(He) told me that it sucks but you just got to get through it," Embiid said. "It's all about the future. You just have to focus on that."

The Sixers are all about the future because the present is pretty bleak.

The team affixes a postscript to their official team emails that reads, "The Philadelphia 76ers are one of the elite franchises in the National Basketball Association."

Maybe by 1983 standards.

The truth is, the 76ers have been submerged in bad basketball since Julius Erving, Mo Cheeks & Co. won the franchise's last championship in '83. Counting a brief uptick in the Allen Iverson era, the 76ers have been to one NBA finals (2001) since that span and advanced out of the first round of the playoffs (2012) once since 2003. They've had one winning record since 2005 and that only came during the lockout-shortened 2011-12 season.

That's not elite, that's bad hoops.

The Sixers have been open that this season, success won't be measured by wins and losses. It's about developing their young core into better players.

They just need to hit the court running.

Carter-Williams sat out the first week of training camp and remained sidelined indefinitely following offseason shoulder surgery. He had surgery in May to repair the labrum of his right shoulder.

Carter-Williams was only the third player since 1950-51 to lead all rookies in scoring (16.7), rebounding (6.3) and assists (6.2), joining Oscar Robertson (1960-61) and Alvan Adams (1975-76).

Top rookie honors were nice, but there are still miles to go for

MCW to become a solid NBA player. He shot only 26 percent from 3-point range, 41 percent from the floor, 70 percent from the free-throw line and averaged 3.5 turnovers to 6.3 assists per game.

Carter-Williams says he's been shooting for about 2 1/2 months and expects to be ready for the start of the regular season.

Brown said he might have to "bite his lip at times" as Carter-Williams plays through his second-year growing pains.

"I have to grow him," Brown said. "His side of the bargain is,

he's going to have to put in legitimate time to earn the right to shoot those shots."

The 76ers' trio are sprouting everywhere around Philly, stamped on the media day photo to shoots and marketing campaigns.

It all sounds great, right?

What can go wrong with Hinkie's plan? Just look at

how successful the Sixers became with recent first-round picks Marreese Speights, Jrue Holiday, Evan Turner and Nik Vucevic.

The odds might be slim that the trio and Saric even ever play together. Hinkie loves to wheel-

and-deal on draft night, and he could pull the trigger on any one

of those players if it means he could gobble more draft picks

and salary-cap friendly players to add to the roster.

But this year, in the "To-

gether We Build" era the Sixers are pitching to their fans, it's the

Big 3 bringing all the hype.

And all the hope.

SIDE BAR

Wolves rest Pekovic at camp, aim to keep him healthy

MANKATO, Minn. (AP)—On the third day of training camp, the Minnesota Timberwolves went hard at each other as Nikola Pekovic watched from the baseline seats dressed in jogging pants and a T-shirt.

The image immediately conjured concerns that the oft-injured big man was hurt again. In reality, it was just the opposite.

Coach Flip Saunders gave Pekovic the day off Thursday as part of a program aimed at reducing the wear and tear on their prized center and keeping him on the floor in the second of a five-year, \$60 million contract.

Pekovic has missed a combined 48 games over the last two seasons, with his imposing physique unable to withstand his bruising style of play. This season, the Timberwolves are planning to play him less, both in training camp and the games, to try and maximize his production.

"I know the medical staff are doing everything to try to keep me healthy, but like I said many times, my way of playing and how many times I get bumped and I get hit, and of course, I hit people," Pekovic said. "Of course, it's normal to get hurt. I just hope something doesn't happen

like the small injuries I had last year."

Pekovic, from Montenegro, averaged a career-high 17.5 points and 8.7 rebounds, but missed 13 games in February with bursitis in his right ankle, an injury that flared up again in March and eventually forced the team to shut him down for the final nine games of the season. Saunders said

the goal is to keep him under 30 minutes per game during the regular season.

"Ideally you'd like to start out in the mid-20s, but we'll wait and see," Saunders said. "What I don't want to do is I don't want to get carried away like we did last year where he felt so good and then it hit him like a brick wall."

After missing 20 games in 2012-13, Pekovic revamped his training program and played in the first 44 games, emerging as an All-Star candidate while being near the top of the league in double-doubles. Then his ankle flared up, it gave him trouble the rest of the season.

"He went from being third in the league in double-doubles and an All-Star (candidate) and playing off the chart, to all of a sudden he couldn't play at all," Saunders said.

Stanton starts at QB for Cardinals



TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)—To no one's surprise, Drew Stanton will get his third straight start at quarterback for Arizona when the Cardinals play at Denver on Sunday.

Coach Bruce Arians made the announcement on Friday.

Carson Palmer, out since the season opener with a "dead" nerve in his throwing shoulder, wasn't at practice. Arians said Palmer was out receiving an unspecified "special treatment."

Palmer threw some last week but his condition regressed. He only did conditioning and footwork drills at practice this week.

The Cardinals are 3-0 going into Sunday's game, with Stanton directing the last two victories - at the New York Giants and at home against the San Francisco 49ers.

Meanwhile, the New Orleans Saints' struggling defense

was dealt a significant setback Friday when the team learned that three-time Pro Bowl safety Jairus Byrd will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury.

Byrd injured his lateral meniscus during practice on Thursday, coach Sean Payton said, and had surgery on Friday - two days before New Orleans' home game against Tampa Bay.

"It was a play where he just kind of turned to catch a ball down the field and kind of tweaked his knee and got up, and obviously, it was more significant than that," Payton said. "As a father, I would want to know."

The Saints signed Byrd to a six-year, \$54 million contract this past offseason, when the safety became a free agent after spending his first five NFL seasons in Buffalo. Byrd intercepted 22 passes during his first five years in the league, more than any safety during that span.

Reserve safety Rafael Bush, a regular in New Orleans' defensive backfield, has been promoted to Byrd's starting spot, Payton said.

Byrd's father, Gill, is a cornerbacks coach with the Buccaneers. So while Payton generally avoids giving away significant personnel changes to opponents in the days leading up to a game, he made an exception in this case.

"It was important that he let his dad know and that was more important, obviously, than the opponent not knowing," Payton said. "As a father, I would want to know."

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In four starts this season, Byrd had yet to intercept a pass, but created a turnover with a forced fumble in the season opener at Atlanta.

"It's a big loss. Byrd's not just a great player, he's a great teammate. It's going to be unfortunate to not have him around as much," fellow starting safety Kenny Vaccaro said.

Still, the defense was struggling even with Byrd on the field, ranking 29th with 396 yards allowed per game. And Vaccaro noted that in that sense, the unit has to improve, with or without one of its top defensive backs.

"The way we were playing, we had so many different issues, we had so many things to fix, that it's like, 'All right, we're going to have to overcome all these other things anyway,'" Vaccaro said. "So it's a loss, but you get what I'm saying. We were playing so bad across the board that it can't get worse, I don't care who you lose. ... You can plug anybody in and play better (as a unit) than how we've been playing."

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M-League games cancelled due to typhoon

Yesterday's matches in the M-League at the Oleai Sports Complex Field were called off due to typhoon Vongfong.

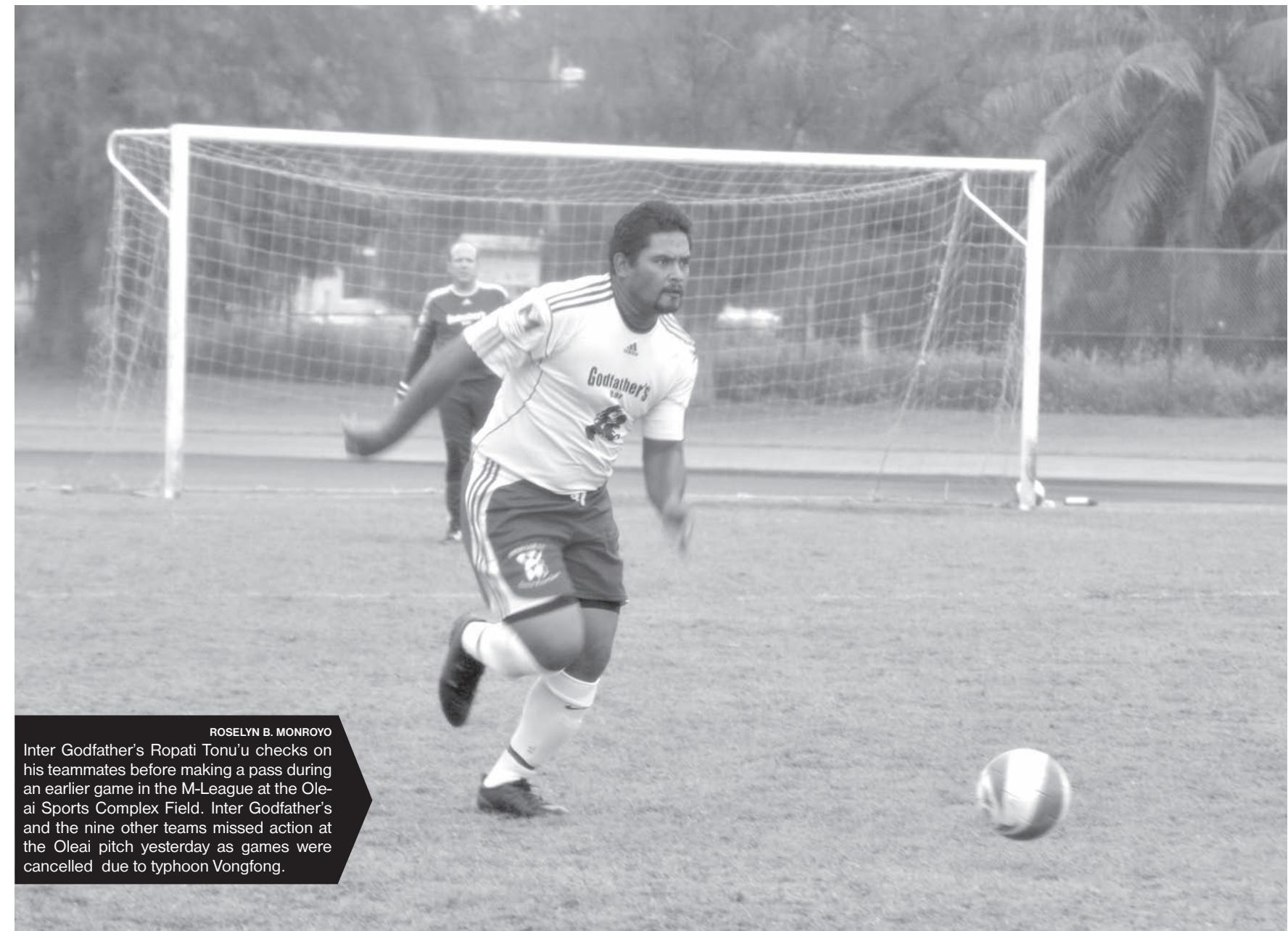
Five games were originally set for Week 3 of the fall season of the CNMI's premier football league. In the first match, Wild Bill's was slated to meet MP United Football Club, while Inter Godfather's and Korean Football Association on Saipan's duel was scheduled in the second match. Other games cancelled yesterday were Tan Holding FC vs Paire FC, Shirley's FC vs Sun Palace, and Thundercats vs Matansa FC. The game between World Resort and the CNMI Women's National Team completes the Week 3 schedule, but the match won't be played until Oct. 8.

With last Sunday's games shelved and five other tiffs in the first two weeks rescheduled, only six matches had been played this season.

In Week 2 matches last Sept. 28, only three games took place with Matansa FC, Tan Holdings FC, and Inter Godfather's defeating their respective foes.

Inter Godfather's down MP United in their Division 1 game, 2-0. Bruce Berline and Nigel Leahy scored for Inter Godfather's, which only debuted in Week 2, as its opening match against Paire FC last Sept. 21 was reset.

In another Division 1 collision, Tan Holdings FC topped KFAS, 3-1. Sean Perez, Yoshi Mafnas, and Daniel Agulto delivered for Tan Holdings, while only Ji Sung Cha made it to the board for KFAS. Perez and Mafnas scored in the fifth and seventh minute to give Tan Holdings FC an early 2-0 lead, which went down to one after Cha hit his target in the 15th minute. Agulto brought the advantage back to two goals with



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Inter Godfather's Ropati Tonu'u checks on his teammates before making a pass during an earlier game in the M-League at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. Inter Godfather's and the nine other teams missed action at the Oleai pitch yesterday as games were cancelled due to typhoon Vongfong.

his shot in the 57th minute and Tan Holdings went on to gain its first win. Tan Holdings' Week 1 match against Wild Bill's was also called off.

In Division 2, Matansa blanked Kanoa FC, 3-0, to remain unbeaten in the field and take the division lead. Matansa prevailed in its opening match against the CNMI Women's National Team, 9-0.

Against Kanoa, Matansa

drew two goals from Ahmed Titu, while the other goal came from Young Haw Whang. Versus the CNMI Women's Na-

tional Team, Hamrul Kamrul led Matansa, as he nailed five goals. Titu chipped in two, while Tej Gurung and Aji Man-

dupala contributed one each.

Still in Division 2 results, the Thundecats edged Kanoa FC, 1-0, in one of the only two

matches played in Week 1. Hobin Lee scored the lone goal in the game in the 32nd minute. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

Tom Watson takes blame for Ryder Cup loss



Tom Watson had to say something. His reputation has been under fire for the last week, since his American team lost the Ryder Cup for the third consecutive time last Sunday in Scotland.

Watson issued what was deemed an "open letter" by the PGA of America on Saturday, discussing how he handled his dozen players that didn't get the job done at Gleneagles.

"In response to all of the recent discussion about our Ryder Cup loss, I would like to make a few comments. First, I take complete and full responsibility for my communication, and

I regret that my words may have made the players feel that I didn't appreciate their commitment and dedication to winning the Ryder Cup. My intentions throughout my term as Captain were both to inspire and to be honest," Watson said.

"Secondly, the guys gave everything. They played their hearts out. I was proud to get to know each and every one of them. I know they are all going to win tournaments, be on future Ryder Cup teams and have wonderful careers," he added.

Phil Mickelson subtly criticized Watson immediately after the American loss, suggesting a longing for the leadership style

of victorious 2008 captain Paul Azinger. Mickelson later lamented that no player was involved in any playing decision over the course of the week, a dig at Watson for not taking cues from him charges about who should play when, especially over the course of the first two days of the three-day competition.

A report on Friday put Watson in a worse light, citing four sources in reporting Watson's curmudgeonly actions on the night before the American defeat was secured at Gleneagles. Watson reportedly told his American team they "stink" at foursomes, the alternate-shot format that put the U.S. behind

the proverbial 8-ball and unable to rally for a win the next day.

The fallout from the American loss has prompted calls for Azinger to again become American captain, as well more radical changes to the process for selecting a captain and players.

Watson's well-orchestrated words may have come too late to mean much now, but he had to say something given how the court of public opinion has judged him in the days following the Ryder Cup.

Now the question is if more information about Watson's run as captain and his relationship with the 12 players on his team will be released.

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of the Lanes crown. She won back-to-back monthly plums in June and July. She bowled 161, 193, 224 and 150 in the four games of the two-day tournament for a 182 average.

The SBA is hoping both Talavera and Camacho will be available to lead the CNMI men's and women's teams in the 28th Asian Intercity Bowling Championships to be hosted by San Juan City in the Philippines in November.

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of the fourth canto with James Schroeder making a pair of free throws, which were already useless, as the Ol' Aces had the game in the bag, ahead by 18, 70-52.

Mendoza top-scored for the Ol' Aces with his 12 points, while Mark Babauta and Mike San Nicolas chipped in 10 apiece.

Meanwhile, in the other U21 game last week, the Sonics pummeled Laly 4, 109-32, last Wednesday.

With the rout, the Sonics gained a 2-1 record to share the second spot with the Kagman Sparks, while Laly 4 remained winless in three games.

The Sonics made progress in each quarter to secure the biggest winning margin so far in the youth league. It took an 11-point lead after the first period, 18-7, and increased the advantage to 24 at halftime after a 26-13 scoring spurt in the second canto. Despite the huge lead,

the Sonics showed no mercy, exploding for 35 and 30 markers in the last two quarters.

Emerson Feria and Jaymark De Guzman combined for 48 points to tow the Sonics to the easy win and outgun the entire Laly 4 crew.

WEDNESDAY

Sonics 109 – Feria 25, De Guzman 23, Je. Villanueva 14, Flores 14, Palacios 14, Aranda 13, Javier 5.

Laly 4 32 – D. Olopai 12, E. Lisua 8, Rogolifoi 4, S. Kapile 2, Tawanpiy 2, B. Lisua 4.

Scoring by quarters: 18-7, 44-20, 79-22, 109-32.

FRIDAY

Ol' Aces 72 – Mendoza 12, Babauta 10, San Nicolas 10, Sanchez 9, Borja 7, Darag 6, De Leon 6, Cristobal 3, Francisco 3.

Kagman 55 – Yu 16, Jo. Santos 15, Je. Santos 6, Lampkin 6, Malwelbug 6, Schroeder 4, Palino 4.

Scoring by quarters: 21-16, 37-30, 51-42, 72-55.

NMI

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that's why we're also being invited to participate," Yamada added.

Sydney hosted the recently concluded AUG from Sept. 28 to Oct. 3 with more than 6,500 students from various universities in Queensland, the Northern Territory, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia competing in the six-day event.

The CNMI, aside from the two events, is also preparing to

compete in the 2015 Gwangju World University Summer Games in South Korea from July 3 to 14.

The Northern Marianas Sports Associations is hoping to send two student-athletes, who are either in high school or college, a coach, and an administrator to the biennial sporting event for 17 to 28 year olds.

Student-athletes Clay McCullough-Stearns and John Nekaipe and coach Russ Quinn represented the CNMI in beach volleyball when the games were held in Kazan, Russia from July

6 to 17 last year. Swimmer Rezne Wong and biker Matthew Manao also competed for the CNMI in the International University Sports Federation-organized event in 2011 in Shenzhen, China.

Meanwhile, with the growing number of sporting events for CNMI student athletes, NMSA president Mike White has suggested that they invite or appoint one student representative to the NMSA board.

"It would be better to give student athletes a voice on the NMSA board," said White.

Two in a row for Shirley's Coffee Shop



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Shirley's Coffee Shop's Sean Rabasto escapes with a fastbreak layup against Top Development, Inc.'s Sefich Lorenzo during the fourth quarter of their game in the JP World caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Shirley's Coffee Shop notched another easy victory, dominating Top Development, Inc., 94-77, in the second game in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Friday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

With the win, Shirley's, which opened its campaign in the nine-team field with an 88-74 triumph over Joeten last week, joined Micronesian Brokers, Inc./Anchor (2-0) in the lead, while Top Development fell to a 0-2 slate at the bottom of the standings tied with idle Joeten.

Shirley's set the tone of its game against Top Development early and was never threatened, as skills of the former's players proved to be too much for the latter's.

Ernest Duenas was among the Shirley's players to cause

problems to Top Development as he showed no respect to their foe's defense by hitting a variety of shots. He finished with a game-high 33 points, delivering the killer blows in the end after scoring 12 of Shirley's last 14 points.

The burly forward also started things out for Shirley's, as he knocked in 11 points in the first quarter to lift his team to an early double-digit spread, 29-13. Erick Dela Rosa and Sean Rabasto backed Duenas up, adding 8 markers apiece.

Duenas sat out majority of the second quarter, but still Shirley's had a steady source of offense in Pagaraao. The flashy guard suited up in the league for the first time after missing their game against Joeten and nailed 9 of his 14 points in the second canto to keep Shirley's safe margin at the break, 47-32. John Jugos also contributed in the second period chipping in 7.

Shirley's went on to protect its double-digit spread in the third, 72-57, as Duenas, Rabasto, and Pagaraao got their

acts together at the resumption of the match. Duenas added 12 more points, while Rabasto and Pagaraao combined for 11 in the third frame.

Rabasto was still at it early in the fourth, as he canned his third triple of the night to pad Shirley's lead to as much as 18 before Top Development made a little rally and moved within nine, 78-69. Despite losing the twin-margin, Shirley's kept its composure with Duenas returning to the floor and scoring successive baskets.

The former Saipan Southern High School standout outgunned Raymond Velasco, who led Top Development with his 24 markers.

Shirley's 94 – Duenas 32, Pagaraao 14, Rabasto 14, Jugos 12, Dela Rosa 11, Pamintuan 7, Manibusan 2.

Top Development 77 – Velasco 24, Lorenzo 14, Reyes 13, Arreza 10, Mafnas 4, Luyayag 2, Barros 2, Rulosio 2.

Scoring by quarters: 29-13, 47-32, 72-57, 94-77.

Two-cornered fight looms for Thursday billiards crown



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Players of the Saipan TV Hustlers and Johnny's Crazy 8 pose for a photo before their game in the Tuesday league last week.

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A two-cornered fight between the Route33 Armatech Hustlers and the Smoke Pub Magic 8 Ball is shaping up in the 2014 Saipan Billiards Association Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday league.

Both teams downed their respective foes in last Thursday's matches held in various bars on the island, but the Hustlers remained atop the standings with a three-win edge over the Magic 8 Ball.

The Hustlers dealt the Barcode Breakers a 10-5 beating to improve their record to 66-39

(56-49).

The Breakers dropped to 44-61 to remain in seventh place, 12 wins ahead of the cellar-dwelling Jhonny's Team SCS (32-73).

The Hustlers started the match on the wrong foot after Oscar Sablan dropped his opening singles game against the Breakers' Ghelmark Cabrera.

Route33 then went on a rampage winning seven straight behind Senen Pangilinan, Simon Kapileo, Robert Sanciangco, and Rowel Mariano. Sablan then bounced back in one of the doubles events as he teamed up with Sanciangco to give the Hustlers a 7-1 cushion.

Meanwhile, the Magic 8 Ball continue to shadow the Hustlers after manhandling the Homeboyz, 12-3.

Chester Cuento, Rey Hermogenes, Rick Elefante, Rodel

dela Cruz, Rico Montano and Primo Jebehn delivered the wins for the Magic 8 Ball.

In other results, the Crazy 8 (55-50) handed Team SCS a 9-6 trouncing, while the Round 2 National Alamo Car Rental (54-51) pulled off a 10-5 triumph over the Poseidon Titans (50-55).

In the Tuesday league, the Saipan TV Hustlers run away with a 13-2 triumph over the Johnny's Crazy 8, the Voyagers squeezed out an 8-7 decision against the Str8 Shooters, and Sang&D'Gang won by forfeit against the Lancheras.

The Voyagers remained on top with a 73-32 slate, followed by the Hustlers' 68-37 record, while the Str8 Shooters are in third (64-41). The Crazy 8 (54-51), Sang&D'Gang (42-63) and the Lancheras (14-91) complete the standings.

Takagi & Associates sponsors 5K hole-in-one prize in Chamber tourney



Takagi & Associates, Inc. donated \$5,000 for one of the hole-in-one prizes in the 2014 Steven Brownstein/Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic that will be held on Oct. 11 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce extends its appreciation to Takagi & Associates as one of its consistent supporters. Additional hole-in-one opportunities include \$5,000 from Pacifica Insurance, a 2014 Ford Fiesta from Joeten Motors, and a 2014 Hyundai Elantra GLS. Participants can also win prizes in the closest-to-the-pin and longest drive contest.

Registration forms are now

available at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office, at Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort and on the Chamber website (www.saipanchamber.com). A limited number of slots remain. The Chamber is encouraging players to join the weekend event, as funds that will be raised from the tournament will support its scholarship program, monthly training seminars, and other community based projects.

In June 2014, five scholarships worth \$2,000 each were awarded to deserving high school seniors, and one \$2,000 scholarship to an NMTI student.

This year's Steven Brownstein/Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic will implement a two-person scramble format. The entry fee is only \$100. Cash prizes will be given

Fabulous raffle prizes will also be awarded during the banquet at the end of the tournament. The Chamber has collected over \$16,000 worth of raffle prizes and giveaways. The Chamber is pleased to have the support of its generous members and looks forward to offering new programs to enhance the business community on Saipan in the upcoming year.

For more information about the 2014 Steven Brownstein/Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic or the organization, please visit its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/saipanchamber or contact Jill Arenovski at 670-234-7150 or executive@saipanchamber.com. (SCC)

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Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan, center, shows the \$5,000 check donated by Takagi & Associates, Inc. as hole-in-one prize for the 2014 Steven Brownstein/Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic that will be held on Oct. 11 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort. Joining him in the photo are Takagi & Associates, Inc. and Chamber staff.





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Ol'Aces notch solo lead in U21 division



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The Ol'Aces put on a strong finish against the Kagman Sparks to walk away with a 72-55 victory in their U21 division game in the 2014 BANMI Youth League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Ol'Aces went on a 22-5 tear in the last 7:02 of the fourth quarter to win the battle of unbeaten teams and get the solo lead with their 3-0 record. Kagman had its two-game winning run snap, as it failed to complete a fourth-quarter comeback and was held scoreless for about six minutes.

The fourth canto started with the Ol'Aces ahead by nine, 51-42, and the advantaged was stretched to 12 with Sam Darag opening the final canto with a triple. However, the Ol'Aces eventually lost the double-digit lead, as Allan Yu sparked Kagman's 8-0 rally, drilling three straight baskets. Jonathan Santos scored the other field goal,

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The Ol'Aces' Mike San Nicolas towers above Kagman Sparks' Jason Lampkin, left, and Allan Yu, as he attempts a point-blanked shot in the third quarter of their U21 division game in the BANMI youth caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

moving the Sparks within four, 50-54, 7:02.

Threatened, Ol'Aces coach Preston Basa pressed the panic button and after the much-needed timeout, his crew responded with a killer 22-5 scoring spree, which Kobee Mendoza kicked



off with five straight points off a triple and a layup. The rest of Mendoza's teammates also piled up points in the succeeding minutes, while Kagman missed one shot after another and despite the drought did not call a time out to restore order back to the team.

Kagman finally ended its silence at the 59.6 seconds mark

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NMI student-athletes get invites to off-island events



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From left, Clay McCullough-Stearns, Russ Quinn, and John Nekafies pose for a group photo during a break in the beach volleyball competition in the 2013 World University Summer Games in Kazan, Russia.

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' student-athletes received invitations to participate in two other off-island sporting events next year.

First up is the Oceania University Games (AUG) is also inviting the CNMI and other small island countries to join next year's weeklong sporting event with the host city and date still yet to be determined.

Veteran volleyball player Toni Yamada, who attended the meeting, said organizers of the beach soccer tournament are hoping that at least six teams will join next

year's competition.

"This is something that our soccer association can look into if they are willing to send a team. We have lots of beaches here so there's place to train," said Yamada.

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"Organizers of the [Australia Universiade] want other smaller island-nations to join

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ATHLETES of the MONTH Veteran pin busters Robert Talavera and Diana Camacho were named the Northern Marianas Sports Association September Male and Female Athletes of the Month during the group's meeting Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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game total of 824 pinfalls (221, 227, 213, 163) to beat 29 other male bowlers. He competed only in the first day of the weekend tournament and his score survived the onslaught of a chasing pack that included Percy Omechelang and M.J. Aldan.

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